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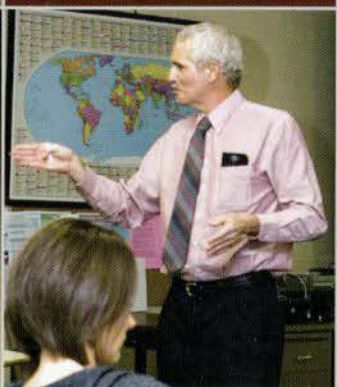
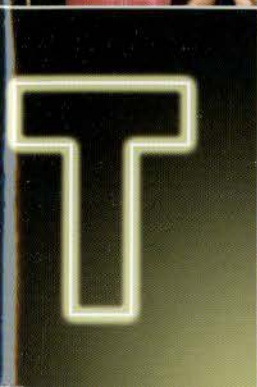
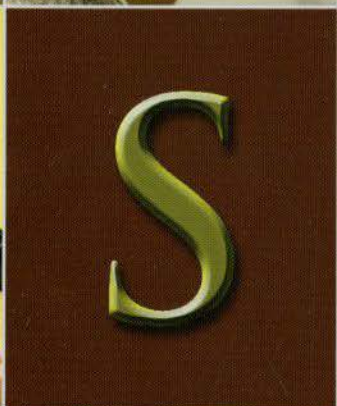
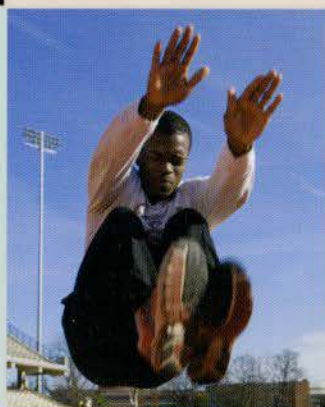


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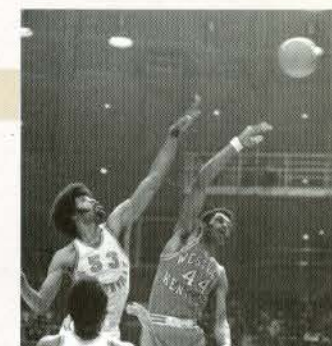
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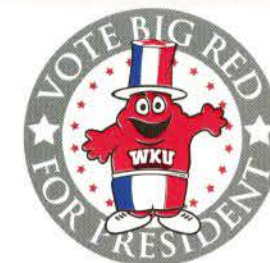
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As a leading American university with international reach, WKU insists on a welcoming environment and is committed to promoting acceptance, providing support and encouraging diversity. As we prepare students to be productive, engaged, socially responsible citizens and leaders in a global society, WKU must achieve diversity among its faculty, staff and students and must embrace the multiple dimensions of diversity.

In this issue of *WKU SPIRIT*, you will read about WKU's tradition of diversity, meet alumni from across the globe and learn about our current efforts to ensure a diverse campus experience for all.

In June 2007, I appointed Dr. Richard C. Miller as Chief Diversity Officer in addition to his responsibilities as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. As part of that change, WKU combined its Diversity Environment Committee and the Kentucky Plan Committee and created a new Diversity Enhancement Committee.

Dr. Miller and the Diversity Enhancement Committee are charged with ensuring "achieved" status in all eight categories of the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunity, the Council on Postsecondary Education's set of mandated equal opportunity measurables for Kentucky's public universities. The Diversity Enhancement Committee's focus is to develop and promote diversity programs across the campus and in the community and to promote inclusion, diversity in learning outcomes and international learning experiences for our students. The committee will assist in efforts to recruit, retain and graduate minority students and prepare them for graduate study and will monitor achievement of diversity indicators in the WKU Strategic Plan. Each year they also select and administer the President's Award for Diversity which recognizes a student or organization, an employee and a member of the community for leadership and achievement in advancing diversity at WKU or in the communities served by WKU.

In the fall of 2006, African American students from Kentucky made up 9.4 percent of the undergraduate enrollment at WKU - the highest percentage in recent history. WKU also retained 60.8 percent of first-year and 74.6 percent of all African American Kentucky students. As reported in January 2008, WKU was the only public university to achieve continuing progress status in all eight objectives of the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunity which pertains to improvements in African American undergraduate enrollments, retention, graduation, graduate student enrollments and employment at WKU.

While those numbers and achievements are noteworthy, our work - and the work of the Diversity Enhancement Committee -- isn't done. WKU remains dedicated and persistent in its efforts to promote and strengthen diversity initiatives on our campus.

Our next step is to transition from a race-based plan to a plan that is more inclusive of our diverse constituencies. I hope you enjoy reading about our rich history of diversity and learning more about our sustained efforts to this critical initiative.

Gary A. Ransdell

The Society of 1906

Recognition society for those who include WKU in their gift planning

Martha Lloyd ('72 & '73) is an avid WKU fan. She has attended every home Hilltopper football game since 1968 (with the exception of one due to her father's death), all away football games since 1998, and numerous ones before then. She has also attended countless Hilltopper and Lady Topper basketball games both home and away. Martha has chosen to exemplify her loyalty to WKU in a way that will make a lasting difference. She has made a bequest to the University to benefit the WKU sports teams she loves so much.

"In Luke 12:48, it says, 'Much is required from those to whom much is given.' WKU has given and continues to give me so much—an education, a teaching career, friends, and memories. I feel like I must give back and including WKU in my estate plans is one way I can do that."

Martha Lloyd
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A New Century of Spirit

The Campaign for Western Kentucky University



WKU Announces Burchett Legacy Commitment for Business Gift is Third Largest One-Time Commitment to WKU



Lula and Dorris (D.B.) Burchett

WKU recently announced a \$7.15 million estate commitment from Dorris (D.B.) and Lula Burchett of Germantown, Tenn. This is the third-largest one-time gift in the school's history.

According to Tom Hiles, WKU's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, the Burchetts' commitment will come in the form of a trust and bequest that will support the Gordon Ford College of Business. "An important legacy gift is often the result of significant planning and thoughtful strategy on what families want to achieve," he explained. "We are extremely grateful to be the beneficiary of this generous commitment."

Bill Tallon, Dean of WKU's Gordon Ford College of Business, said this gift will be transformational for the program. "As our college

attempts to compete on the national stage for the finest business students and faculty, such an investment in our future will set us apart from our peer institutions," he said. "The Gordon Ford College will become known not only as a leader in business education, but as an important resource for the business community and a strong source of pride for all students and alumni. On behalf of all students, faculty, staff, supporters, and friends of the Gordon Ford College of Business, I wish to thank D.B. and Lula Burchett for their faith and confidence in us and the opportunity for reaching new levels of excellence which this recent gift provides."

Dorris E. "D.B." Burchett, a CPA, is retired from Terminix, where he served as Vice President of Operations and Market Development. He earned his B.S. in Accounting from WKU in 1967. He first attended WKU for a year after his high school graduation, and then he served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He then returned to the University to complete his degree. He and his wife, Lula, both grew up in Russellville, Ky., and they married in

1962. Lula attended Bowling Green Business University (the predecessor of the Gordon Ford College of Business), but she dropped out to work full-time so D.B. could finish his degree. While at WKU, D.B. participated in the ROTC Pershing Rifles and Delta Sigma Pi.

After his graduation, D.B. went to work for Arthur Andersen & Co., an international CPA firm, a move he credits to his experience at WKU. He was able to interview on campus with many business and governmental agencies and had several offers from which to choose. "My experience at Western definitely opened some doors for me, and I was encouraged by the professors and staff to excel and try to be attractive to a first-class organization."

D.B. said the decision to make WKU a major recipient of their estate was due to their fondness for the school. "We've followed the progress of the school over the years, and we want to help it gain and achieve excellence in its academic pursuits," he said. "We hope the gift will allow the school to enhance its accreditation,"

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attract quality professors, and provide opportunities for deserving students who might be unable to attend without financial assistance. Hopefully, those things will be repaid, as some of the scholarship recipients achieve levels of success and will feel driven to return the favor."

WKU President Gary Ransdell said the Burchetts have generously

embraced the transformation that is underway at WKU. "Their support for our business curriculum will play a large role in the achievement of a bold vision to become a leading American university with international reach," he said. "Our Gordon Ford College faculty and students, with D.B. and Lula's help, can lead the way."

Eatons Make New Commitment for Hilltopper Basketball; More than \$770,000 in New Gifts Received from Eight Donors



Steve and Margaret Eaton of Atlanta, Ga., recently made a new commitment of \$375,000 to Hilltopper Basketball. The Eatons have given or pledged a total of \$600,000 for the program during the last eight years.

Steve Eaton ('72) was a Hilltopper Basketball player during his tenure at WKU and was a member of the 1971 Final Four team. "Margaret and I are pleased to be a part of WKU men's basketball," Eaton said. "Under the new leadership of Ken McDonald, we look forward to building on a very proud tradition and seeing new levels of

achievement reached. At a time when so many University initiatives are enjoying success, it is exciting to be a Hilltopper."

This newest commitment comes just one month after WKU announced nearly \$395,000 in new gifts and pledges from seven leading donors to Hilltopper Basketball, bringing the total new commitments to \$770,000.

Other recent gifts to men's basketball include:

Jerry and Rebecca Blacketer

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Ray "Tommy" Thomas

Bill Yates

**Jessie Ball duPont Fund
Makes \$150,000
Commitment to
WKU-Housing Authority
of Bowling Green
Partnership**

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund recently made a gift of \$150,000 to support an innovative partnership between WKU's College of Education & Behavioral Sciences and the Housing Authority of Bowling Green (HABG).

The grant will enhance the ICAN2 program in which more than 150 WKU education majors work directly with children in the after-school program at the HABG to help them be successful in school. The Complementary Learning After-School Program (ICAN2) provides four educationally-focused academies to reduce individual risk factors such as poor academic achievement and school failure, behavioral problems at school, and inadequate per-



A student and teacher participate in the ICAN2 Program at the Housing Authority in Bowling Green.

sonal and social skills related to school dropout.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund makes grants to more than 330 eligible organizations identified by Mrs. duPont in her will. The fund has assets of more than \$315 million and has awarded \$250 million in grants

since 1977. The \$150,000 grant will be made over a three-year period. The Jessie Ball du Pont Fund requires a community match of the second and third year payments, which will total \$100,000. The matching gifts can be made by individuals, corporations, or organizations.

Sharon Greene, Senior Program Officer for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, said: "The partnership between Western Kentucky University and the Housing Authority of Bowling Green is a prime example of the work that the Jessie Ball duPont Fund expects of its eligible research universities: to bring the skills and expertise of university faculty and students to help address community needs 'on the ground.'"

**WKU Names Clinical
Education Complex's Early
Childhood Center in
Honor of Long-Time
Supporters**



Western Kentucky University has named the Early Childhood Center of the Clinical Education Complex (CEC) in honor of long-time supporters Dan and Vickie Renshaw of Bowling Green.

The Renshaws have a passion for the CEC that stems from two small blessings in their lives: their grandsons Danny, age 11, and Rush, age five, both of whom have autism. Several years ago the Renshaws were introduced to the concept of the

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Clinical Education Complex by their friend and CEC visionary, Suzanne Vitale, and they have been staunch supporters since the program's



Vickie and Dan Renshaw

inception. The Renshaws made a gift of \$290,410 to help finalize funding for the construction of the facility. They have given a total of \$500,000 in support of the entire project.

"Suzanne gave us a vision for what the CEC was going to be," Dan Renshaw explained, "We have not been disappointed."

Renshaw said his wife has been very passionate about supporting the CEC. "She has been working with our daughter-in-law, Donna Renshaw, since our oldest grandson was two years old," he said. "I truly believe that God picks special angels to parent these children—those who have the ability to cope and make the children feel loved at all times. She is a terrific mother. Our grandchildren have received a great benefit from their involvement with the programs in the CEC. It has truly been a blessing."

The mission of the Renshaw Early Childhood Center is to be a regional and national leader in interdisciplinary education for training, research, and service to health and education professionals for advancing the health, development, and learning potential of children.



HEALTH services



WKU Health Services opened a new facility in January 2008. This new state-of-the-art full service primary care center is dedicated to providing all patients with exceptional health care. Health Services accepts patients whether they are WKU students, faculty, staff and their dependents, alumni and others.

We want everyone to know that we are a vital part of the WKU community. We encourage you to visit our new clinic and experience how passionately our well trained staff and medical providers care for all patients. Health Services prides itself on quality medical care and health promotion services.

WKU Health Services is unique because we are conveniently located on campus; have accessible parking, same day or next day appointments, in house lab and x-ray, and so much more! So, the next time you may need to see a primary care physician, remember to call us and we will gladly schedule an appointment with one of our providers to assist with your health care needs. As Health Services continues to grow, we plan to add more specialty services and providers to meet your needs.

The clinical services offered by WKU Health Services include: physician office visits, women's and men's health,

EKG's, laboratory, x-ray, allergy, immunization clinic, pharmaceutical dispensary, STD screenings, travel clinic, annual physicals for sports or general health, drug screenings, occupational health, and wellness and health promotion.

The staff at Health Services include: Medical Director, Allen Redden, MD, Board Certified in Internal Medicine; Patricia Blewett, MD, Board Certified in Family Medicine; and Ta'Neka Vaden, Nurse Practitioner. Other clinical staff includes a radiologic technologist, medical assistants, two LPN's and the Lab Manager. Additional support staff assist with the daily operations of the business.

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(Left to right) Patricia Blewett, MD Family Medicine; Ta'Neka Vaden, Nurse Practitioner; Allen Redden, MD Internal Medicine, Medical Director.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Former WKU Baseball Player Makes Lead Gift for New Baseball Clubhouse

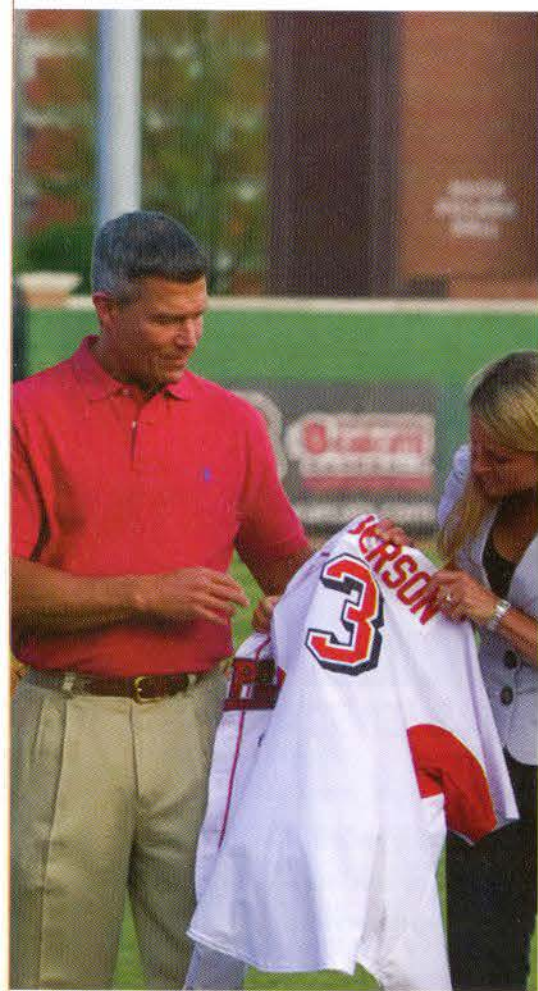
Former baseball student-athlete Paul Orberson has made a commitment of \$500,000 as a lead gift toward construction of a baseball clubhouse on WKU's campus. In appreciation for this gift, WKU will name the facility the Paul C. Orberson Baseball Clubhouse. The clubhouse, which will be built adja-

cent to Nick Denes Field and be linked to the indoor batting facility, will complete the total transformation of WKU's baseball complex into a premier on-campus baseball facility.

Orberson, who graduated from WKU in 1979 with a degree in History, came to WKU in the fall of 1974 on a full baseball scholarship. "I was grateful for the scholarship, because it was the only way I could have gone to school," Orberson explained. "My father was a pastor at a small church in Danville, and my parents didn't have a lot of money. My ACT scores were low, but Western gave me a shot, and I will always be grateful for that."

After graduation, Orberson taught high school history and coached. He later went to work for Excel Telecommunications, a long-distance, wireless, and data services provider and was able to retire at age 39. He later started Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing, which today employs 60 full-time employees and 100,000 active representatives.

He said it was an easy decision to give back to WKU because of the University's leadership. "It's so easy to do, because you see the excitement everyone has at WKU," he said. "It's contagious, and I want to be a part of that. What we become is all because of our experiences and the people we meet who shape us. WKU was definitely a part of my story, and I firmly believe that the more you give away, the more you get in return."



U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton addresses several thousand supporters during a campaign stop on the WKU South Lawn. Sen. Clinton's visit came just before the Kentucky Primary as she was seeking the Democratic nomination for president.

Ken McDonald Selected WKU Basketball Head Coach

Ken McDonald — who was an assistant on the Hill for five seasons under Dennis Felton — replaces Darrin Horn, who accepted the same position at South Carolina. McDonald has been an assistant at Texas the last four years.

As an assistant under Rick Barnes, McDonald helped guide the Longhorns to a 106-35 record, which is the most victories in a four-year period in school history. UT has advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, topped the 30-win mark and picked up a pair of Big 12 Conference regular-season titles in two of the last three seasons, while also qualifying for the NCAA Tournament the other two years.



Prior to joining the staff at Texas, McDonald was an assistant at Georgia under Felton during the 2003-04 season. The Bulldogs qualified for the National Invitation Tournament after winning 16 games that winter, including a sweep of the NCAA Tournament's top overall seed, Kentucky, as well as a win over eventual national runner-up Georgia Tech, despite playing with just seven scholarship players.

In his five years at WKU, McDonald helped the Hilltoppers earn three straight Sun Belt Conference regular-season and tournament championships as they competed in the NCAA Tournament each year. In addition to winning 100 games during that time, the Toppers recorded a 76-20

mark over the final three seasons.

"Once it came open, this was a position that was obviously close to my heart because of the good times and success that we experienced here from 1998-03," said McDonald. "I am very proud of what we were able to accomplish while I was here, but also feel that there is still unfinished business."

As a player, McDonald was a two-year letterwinner at Providence — helping the Friars advance to the quarterfinals of the NIT in 1991 — before earning his bachelor of science degree in 1992. In 50 career appearances, he averaged 5.6 points and 1.5 rebounds per outing, hitting 66 three-pointers while connecting on 92 percent from the foul line. He earned National Junior



WKU President Gary Ransdell addresses the inaugural graduating class of the Gatton Academy for Mathematics and Science in Kentucky. Fifty-four students representing 35 Kentucky counties graduated in May, of which 44 (81 percent) plan to attend Kentucky higher education institutions, with 24 continuing their studies at WKU.

College Athletic Association first-team All-America honors at the Community College of Rhode Island, where he set the school scoring standard as well as single-game, season and career three-point records in two years prior to attending PC.

Prior to joining the staff at Clemson, McDonald played professionally for the St. Paul Revelles in Killarney, Ireland, while also serving as the organization's coach from 1992-93.

The 38-year-old McDonald and his wife Angie — a former women's basketball player at Clemson who worked in the WKU Athletic Department in both academic advising and marketing during the couple's first stay in Bowling Green — they have one daughter, Ella Grace.

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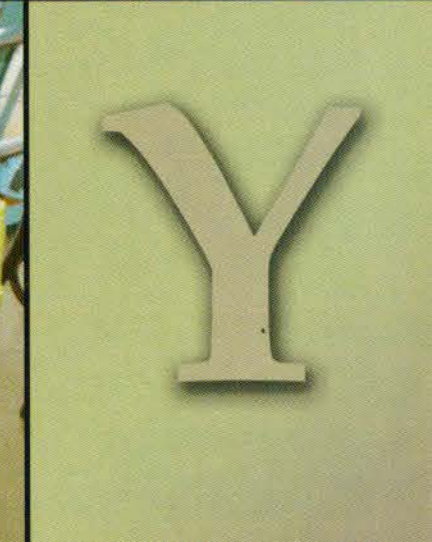
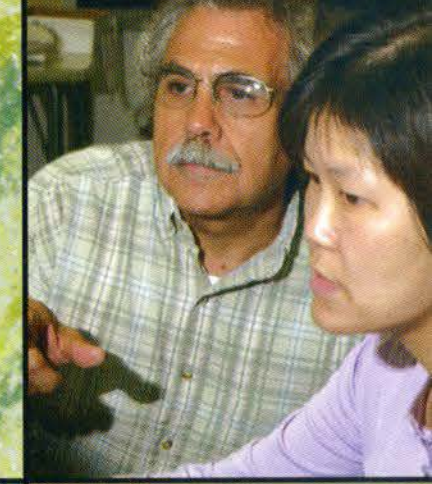
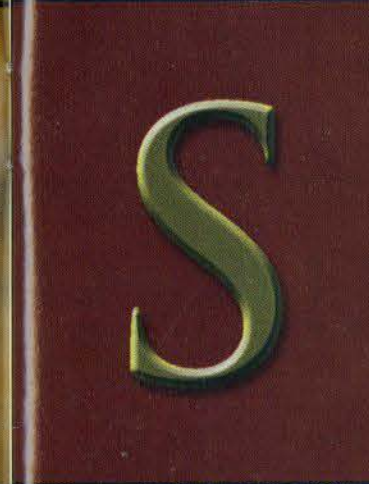
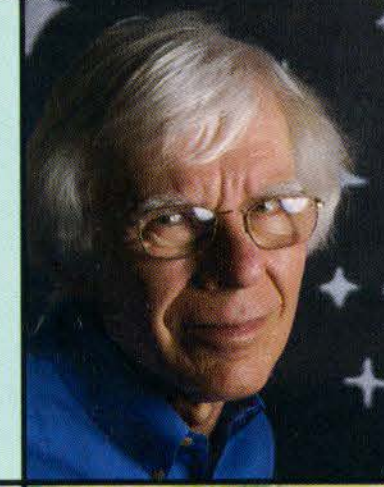
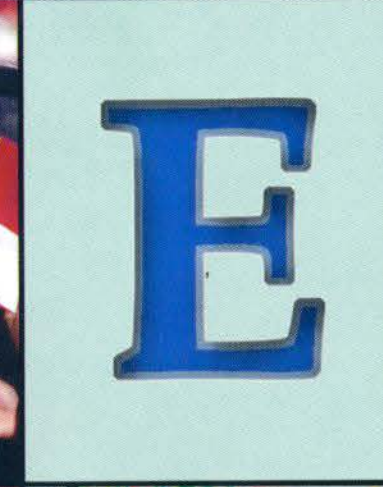
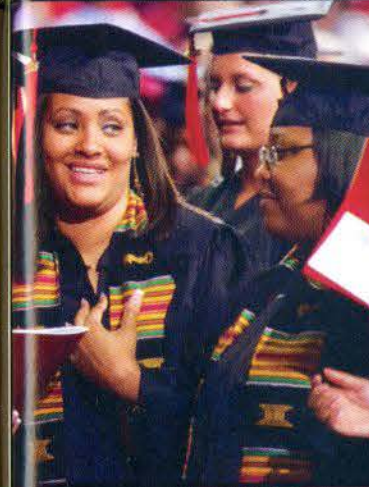
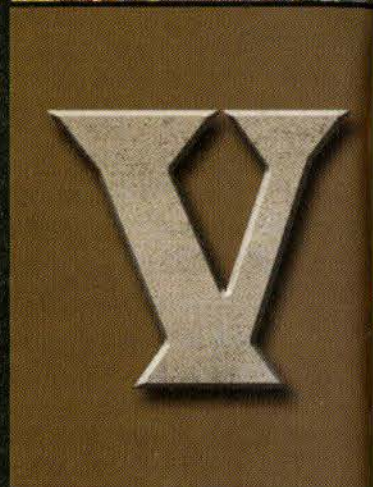
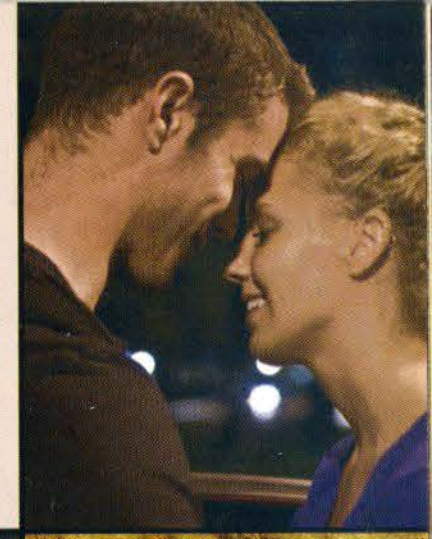
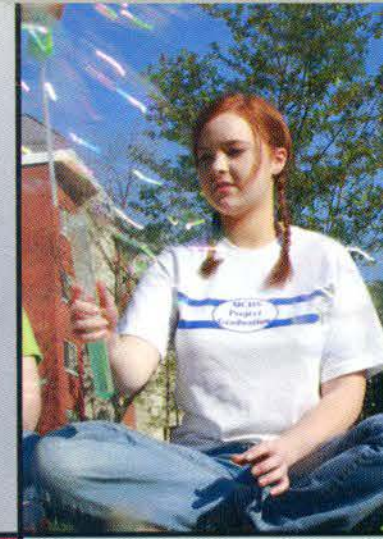
1. the state or fact of being diverse;
difference; unlikeness.
2. variety; multiformity.
3. a point of difference.

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How do you define diversity? Diversity, by its very nature, has many different interpretations. In higher education and in the greater public at large, diversity is all around us. We often fall into the misconception that diversity is simply about race, when in the truest sense of the word, it is really about variety — variety is not only race, but also in sex, color, creed, disability, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, geographic origin, culture, background, and experiences.

Higher education institutions are places that celebrate diversity and variety. It is important for our graduates and future leaders in a democratic society to understand and appreciate various perspectives. We practice civil discourse and the open exchange of ideas. We learn from various cultures. We grow as individuals when previously foreign ideas reshape our thinking. We become more tolerant when we begin to appreciate the differences in others. In short, embracing diversity makes us collectively a better people.

We hope you enjoy the collection of short stories on the next few pages about diverse alumni in diverse occupations dealing with diverse situations in diverse ways!



Nathan Baker

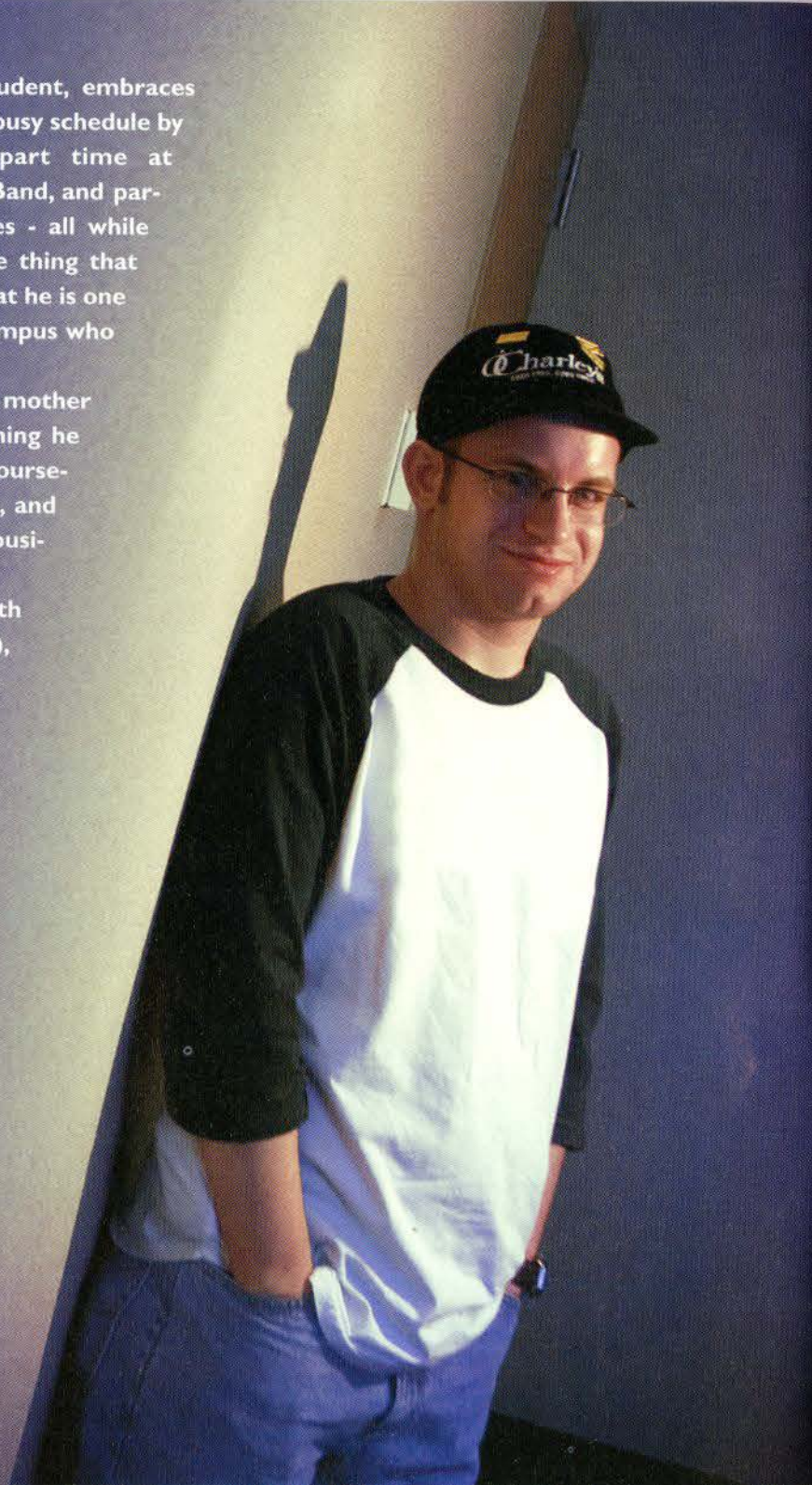
by Jill Blythe '91

Nathan Baker, a 22-year-old WKU student, embraces diversity in his personal life. He manages a busy schedule by attending school part time, working part time at O'Charley's, playing in the WKU Concert Band, and participating in other extracurricular activities - all while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. The thing that sets Nathan apart from other students is that he is one of only a few college students on WKU's campus who is autistic.

"We are very proud of him," says his mother Kathy Baker, "He works so hard at everything he does." Nathan has earned 37 hours of coursework, working toward a Associates degree, and plans to one day work with computers in a business setting.

At age two, Nathan was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD), which is characterized by delays in the development of multiple basic functions including socialization and communication. Even though his speech was delayed at a young age, Nathan successfully attended public school with the support of the Kelly Autism Program at WKU, and remained an honor roll student throughout his elementary and secondary years.

"Nathan has transitioned very well into college life," said Michael Johnson, Director of Student Support Services at WKU. "If all WKU students had the work ethic and drive of Nathan Baker, WKU's retention and graduation rate would be at a national high of 100 percent."



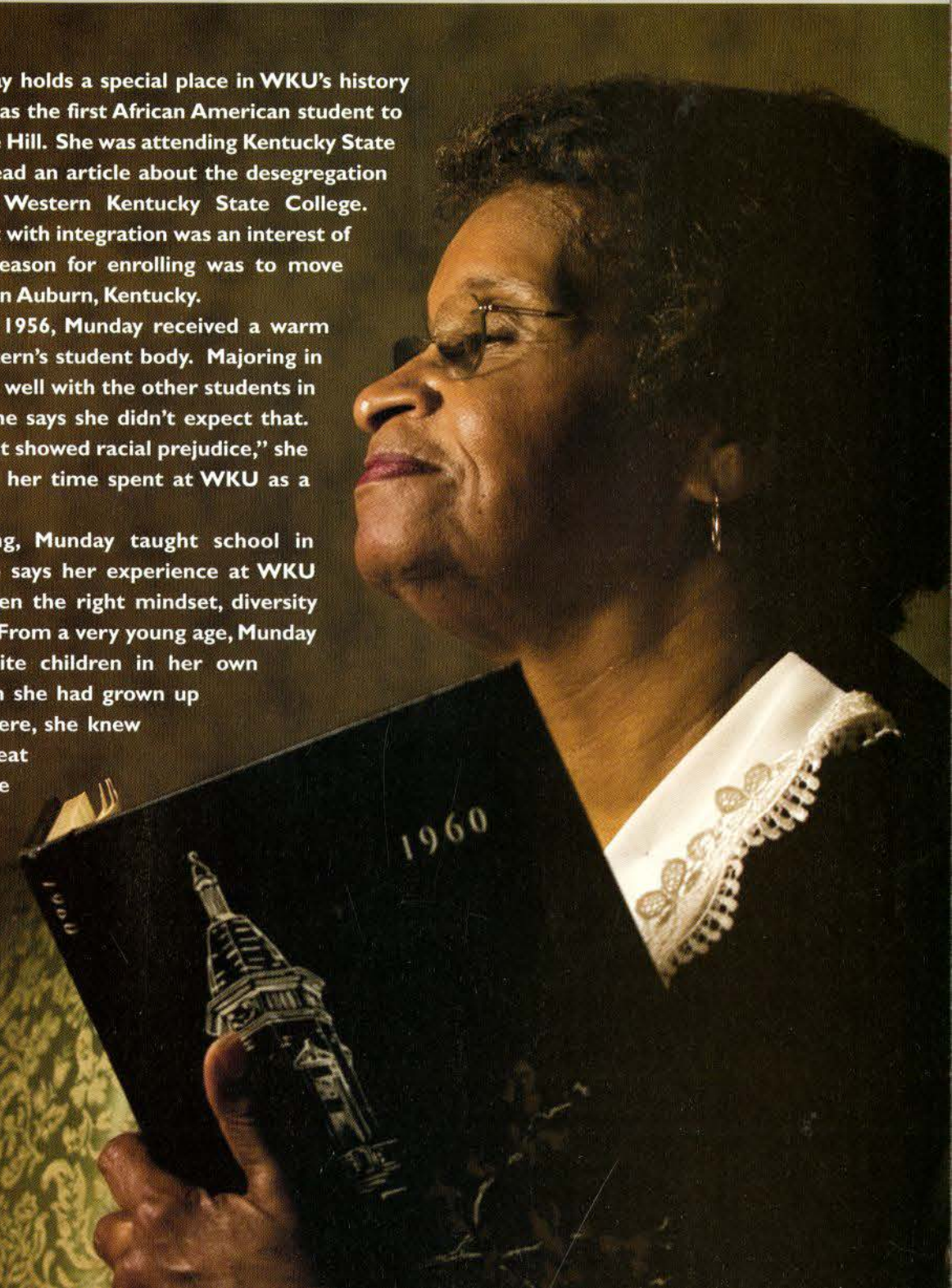
Margaret Munday '60


by Mary Bess DuBose

Margaret Munday holds a special place in WKU's history of diversity, as she was the first African American student to attend classes on the Hill. She was attending Kentucky State College when she read an article about the desegregation of what was then Western Kentucky State College. Though involvement with integration was an interest of hers, her primary reason for enrolling was to move closer to her home in Auburn, Kentucky.

Upon arrival in 1956, Munday received a warm welcome from Western's student body. Majoring in music, she got along well with the other students in her department. She says she didn't expect that. "Not a single student showed racial prejudice," she says. She describes her time spent at WKU as a good experience.

After graduating, Munday taught school in Logan County. She says her experience at WKU taught her that, given the right mindset, diversity could be overcome. From a very young age, Munday interacted with white children in her own community. Though she had grown up in such an atmosphere, she knew there was still a great deal of progress to be made. She is very proud to have been a participant in the movement toward achieving diversity.






Paola Cassana is simply amazing! Born in Cajamarca Peru, she began studying English at the age of six. Family ties to Bowling Green brought Paola to the Hill where she began her college career in the English as a Second Language Institute, and later transitioned into a full-time WKU student.

While on campus, Paola exemplified the model student. She studied full time in the Health Care Administration program, was a two-term president for the international club, began the Latin American Student Association (LASA), served as a Spirit Master, and was the first ever international student crowned Homecoming Queen (Fall 2003), transcending the role of students from abroad at WKU.

She is still involved with WKU as an Alumni Association national board member, and checks in on the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (then named the Office of International Programs). Professionally, Paola serves St. Jude's Hospital across five states as Senior Bilingual Event Marketing Coordinator. She loves that her role has an everlasting positive impact on children and families across the globe.

When asked what she misses most about campus, Paola says, "I miss the people. Everyone goes above and beyond their roles." She absolutely does the same!

Paola Cassana '04
by Destiny Smith '05, '08



Joe Tinius leads one of the most diverse school districts in Kentucky, while maintaining a century-old tradition of excellence.

Students in Bowling Green Independent Schools represent 23 countries and 14% of the 3,600 students speak English as a second language.

Tinius says, "We value the unique cultures represented in our schools. We are proud that our students have the opportunity to learn about the world from their peers."

Bowling Green's population of students speaking English as a second language grew significantly in the mid-90s. The International Refugee Center and Eagle Industries were influential factors. In 1994, 75 students spoke English as a second language, today there are more than 500.

Superintendent Joe Tinius leads the district by striving for the three "R's" of education: Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. He says, "We work to provide a challenging curriculum that prepares students for the future. We also support and encourage students in every facet of success."

Although Bowling Green Independent Schools continues to face challenges, they maintain a tradition of excellence. Tinius believes their success is a result of positive relationships with students. He says, "All of our students know they are appreciated, cared for, and loved."

Joe Tinius '77, '80
by Leslie Peak '05, '07

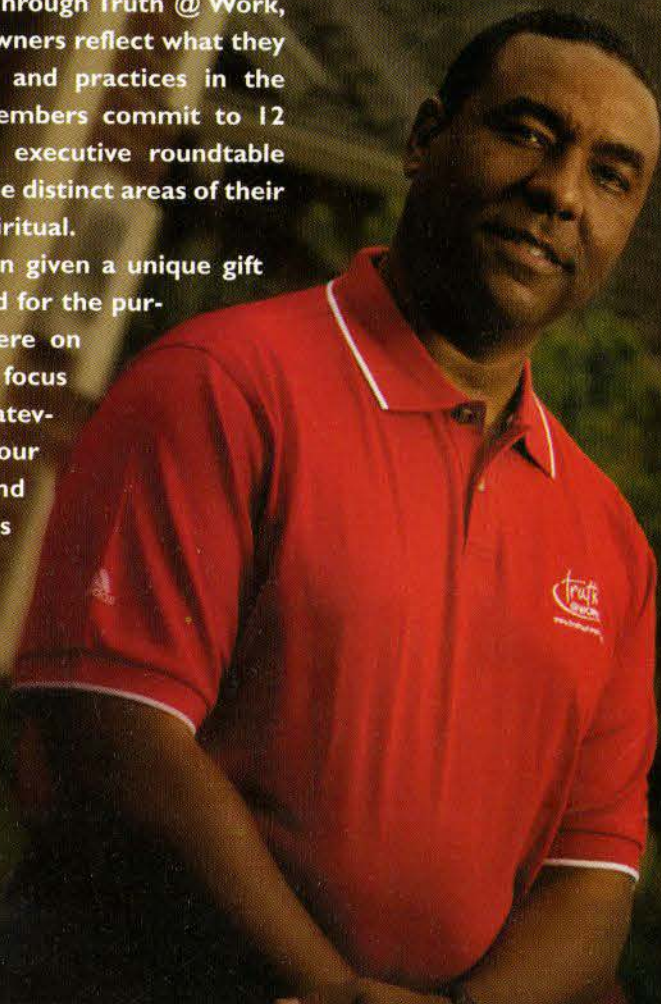
Perry Hines '85, '90

by Carol Cummings '92

Perry Hines believes in living out your faith every day - through your personal life and through your business life. He has put that belief into action by serving as affiliate president of Truth @ Work, a national non-profit organization that helps business owners integrate their faith into the workplace.

With a background in corporate America — having worked in several Fortune 500 companies — Hines was able to retire at age 42. During his years in the public sector, he saw people struggling every day to make their faith a key component of their decisions in a demanding business climate. Through Truth @ Work, Hines is able to help business owners reflect what they believe through their policies and practices in the workplace. Truth @ Work members commit to 12 months of involvement in an executive roundtable group in which they discuss three distinct areas of their lives: personal, business, and spiritual.

"Business leaders have been given a unique gift from God, and it should be used for the purpose of building a kingdom here on earth," Hines explained. "We focus on integrating your faith — whatever your faith might be — into your organization, where you spend most of your time. Your business should just be another tool you use to express your faith."



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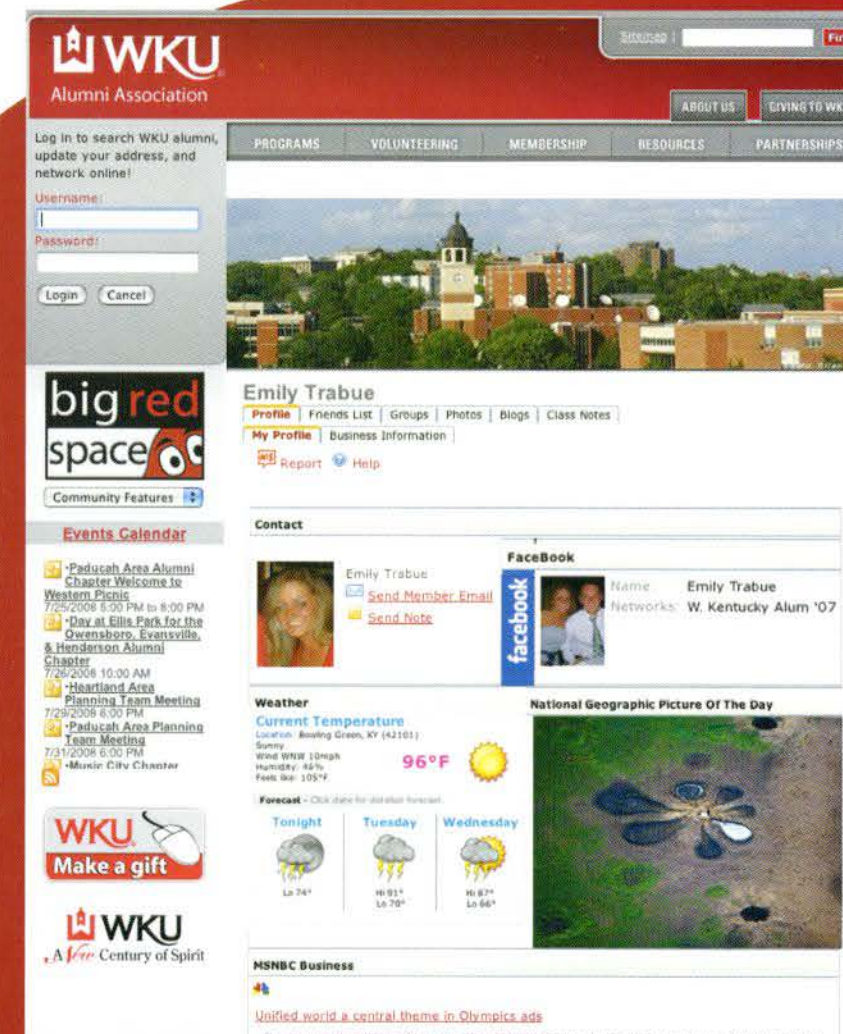
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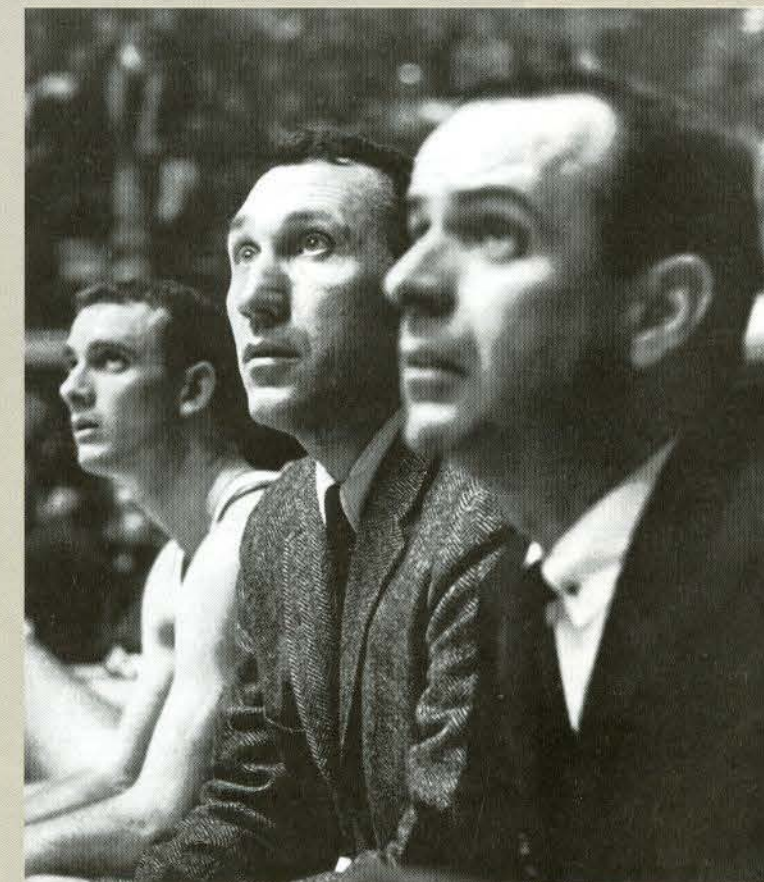
RECALLING Forward Thinking

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at Western Kentucky
by Pete Thamel

Dwight Smith plays "above the rim" in the Hilltoppers victory over Fordham in the quarterfinals of the NIT in New York City's Madison Square Garden (March 13, 1965). Other WKU athletes pictured are Pearl Hicks (behind Smith under the basket), Clem Haskins (22) and Steve Cunningham (55).

The Daily News



With 20 NCAA tournament appearances, a Final Four berth and a spot among the top 10 in victories by a Division I program, WKU has an unusually strong résumé for a team regarded as a tournament darling.

The No. 12 Hilltoppers played No. 1 U.C.L.A. in a West Region semifinal March 27, 2008, a matchup of two of the most storied programs in college basketball.

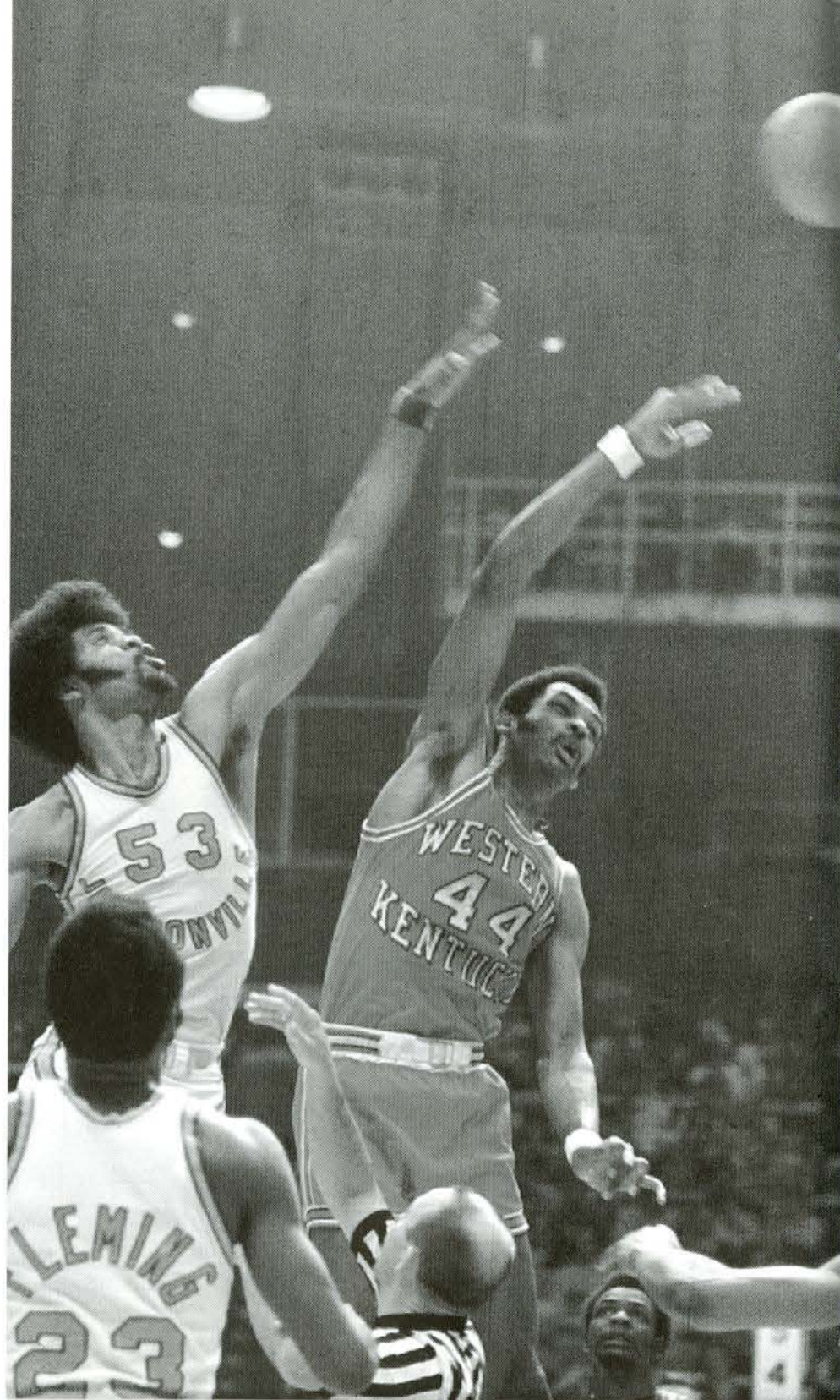
U.C.L.A.'s history with John Wooden, Lew Alcindor and 11 national titles is often romanticized, but memories of Western Kentucky's run of dominance in the 1960s seem to have faded with the set shot and canvas sneakers. In part, the run came about because of Western Kentucky's willingness to integrate its team at a time when such a policy was still taboo in the South. Those involved with Western Kentucky still take great pride in the university's breaking of racial barriers.

"There's so much that people don't know," said the former WKU star Clem Haskins, who went on to coach at the university. "Western was out there, just like everyone in the country is captivated now with North Carolina and Duke."

But memories of the 1971 Final Four, deep runs in the National Invitation Tournament and high national rankings come with raw memories of overcoming the thick racial tension in the South.

Haskins, who along with Dwight Smith in 1963 were the first African-Americans to play basketball for the university, recalled not being able to eat in segregated restaurants and watching movies from the balconies of theaters because seats in the lower sections were reserved for whites. Jim McDaniels, another black player, went to Western Kentucky in 1967 and recalled the former Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp's halfhearted recruitment of him, which included spending just 15 awkward minutes with Rupp in the six days he spent in Lexington. The Southeastern Conference did not integrate until 1966, and Kentucky did not integrate until 1969.

The Western Kentucky coach at that time, John Oldham, had a police



▲ Jim McDaniels outleaps Jacksonville's Artis Gilmore to get the tip in NCAA Tournament first-round action at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. The Hilltoppers overcame an 18-point deficit late in the first half to win 74-72 on March 13, 1971. Clarence Glover famous "shoestring play" at the buzzer accounted for the winning points that afternoon, setting up WKU's first-ever meeting with Kentucky the next week in Athens, Ga., on its way to the Final Four in Houston.



▲ Coach John Oldham (center) poses with his original Topper coaching staff in 1964 -- Wallace "Buck" Sydnor (left) and Gene Rhodes. All three men starred as players for Coach E.A. Diddle during their undergraduate years on The Hill.

▼ The retiring E.A. Diddle poses with Oldham and his wife Bobbie in front of the new arena named in honor of Diddle in 1964.



officer check his car at times in 1970 because of threats directed at him after he began starting five black players.

"So much of what we deal with right now is stuff that's absolutely trivial," said the former WKU coach, Darrin Horn, who played at WKU in the early 1990s. "Coach Oldham and the players from that era, they were dealing with serious issues. That's one of the reasons that I have so much respect for them."

Oldham, 84, still lives in Bowling Green and works as a salesman at a John Deere dealership. Some of the scars from his time at Western Kentucky as coach and later as athletic director can be found in the tattered letters he keeps in a two-inch-thick manila folder labeled "Criticism" in his desk at the dealership.

The letters offer a window into the racial attitudes at the time.

"Why don't you join the Black Panthers?" read one.

A note that arrived with a \$25 donation said, "Given in thankfulness that Coach Oldham retires."

Another read, "I prayed for the worst for you, your children and your grandchildren." And yet another: "I whole heartedly disagree with your philosophy of using five Negro starters."

"I think you are sacrificing Western and Bowling Green's image for your own personal glory," another letter said in reference to his decision to start five black players.

And another: "I can also tell you that Western will never advance to any high finish in the upcoming NCAA tournament simply because you can't win the big games with five Negro players. They don't possess the intelligence nor stability to meet such a challenge."

"Western Kentucky University did an exceptional job in speeding up the integration of college basketball and hasn't been given a lot of credit for it. Western Kentucky is my oldest son, Kareem Jr.'s alma mater. But my feelings for Western Kentucky go back even further. Western Kentucky was at the forefront of the fight to integrate college basketball in the 1960s and early '70s. While head coach at WKU, Coach John Oldham (who took over for previous head coach E.A. Diddle in 1964) dealt with some very ugly situations while the transition took place, and he has not been recognized for his courageous stand. For his part, Coach Diddle had recruited Clem Haskins and Dwight Smith in 1963. Coach Oldham continued that legacy, recruiting black players and eventually starting five African Americans on the WKU team — and staying the course in spite of criticism from some of the fans and faculty. College peeps owe WKU a tip of the hat for the positive changes it helped to promote."

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Despite the criticism, including a phone call and a letter threatening his life, Oldham and his team went to the Final Four, where they lost to Villanova in double overtime. But it was not easy.

Oldham said before that season a member of the university's board of regents approached him and coarsely asked if he was going to start five black players.

When Oldham confirmed he was, the board member said he would stop going to games.

"We've come a long way, haven't we?" he said with a smile in an interview at his desk at the dealership. Oldham, who had a 146-41 record at Western that included four N.C.A.A. tournament appearances, never wavered. "I never thought much of it," he said. "Like any coach, I was just trying to play the best guys."

Western's storied history goes beyond Oldham's coaching tenure from 1964 to 1971. His predecessor, E. A. Diddle, ranks among the top 20 winningest men's coaches in college basketball history. He went 759-302 in a

42-season tenure that ended in 1964. Diddle's legacy includes his recruitment of Haskins and Smith.

Haskins credits the university's forward thinking and said that he never encountered any resistance on campus.

"I was never abused on campus," he said. "People treated me very kindly."

Haskins earned all-American honors all three of his seasons at Western (players only had three seasons of eligibility then). His final two seasons ended in disappointment. Haskins broke his wrist in his senior season of 1966-67, when he considered Western the most talented team in the country. The 1965-66 tournament run ended when a controversial foul call on a jump ball — considered one of the worst calls in N.C.A.A. tournament history — foiled Western's lead in an 80-79 loss to Cazzie Russell and Michigan. Still frames show Russell not jumping on the play and then leaning in to make contact.

That 1966 NCAA tournament ended with Texas-El Paso beating Kentucky in a game known as the Brown v. Board of Education of college

John Oldham & Clem Haskins

By Paul Just '69, '72

John Oldham and Clem Haskins remember very vividly their experiences and challenges as coach and athlete on the WKU basketball teams of the mid-1960s, some shared and some they faced alone.

Oldham had returned to The Hill in 1964 to replace his mentor, the retiring E.A. Diddle, as head coach of Hilltopper basketball.

Waiting for the Hartford, Ky., native was a talented group of young players; a team that, over the course of the next three seasons, developed into one of the great clubs in the history of WKU basketball. That group included a pair of African-American athletes who became two of the most popular and accomplished cagers ever on The Hill — Clem Haskins and Dwight Smith.

In this time of transition — on campus, in the community and around the nation — an integrated Hilltopper basketball roster was still difficult for some to accept. Oldham and Haskins remember many of the obstacles they faced. But, both are quick to remind you that they did not complete that transition without the support of many, many good people.

"I had the support of the most important people on campus at that time," Oldham said. "Coach Diddle, Coach (Ted) Hornback, vice president Dero Downing, Dean John Minton and, of course, President Kelly Thompson all supported our program and our players. And, we were fortunate that we had quality young people to work with — Clem and Dwight were the first two blacks in basketball at Western. Mr. Diddle recruited both of them and they turned out to be wonderful individuals as well as great players."



Head Coach John Oldham and senior All-American Clem Haskins, with his arm in a cast, on the Hilltopper bench in E.A. Diddle Arena in late February 1967. Haskins suffered a broken wrist in the Toppers' 88-79 overtime victory over arch-rival Murray State on Feb. 6. Haskins returned to action (with the cast) in late February.

For Haskins, there were those he could turn to — in his Campbellsville hometown, on The Hill and in Bowling Green.

Former Topper Dick White, a guard on the great WKU teams of the early 1950s, worked at Fruit of the Loom in Campbellsville and was an important figure in young Haskins' life. "He really helped Coach recruit me to Western," Haskins said. "He was always available to talk and was a person I felt I could always confide in."

"Lloyd Gardner, the team manager, lived in Diddle Dorm with us and we got to be very close," Haskins said. "And, Mike Kitchens was a local guy on the team who became an almost inseparable friend. He was like a brother to me."

Like Coach Oldham, Haskins found friends among WKU administrators — President Thompson, Downing and Minton, among others — who helped him adapt to life on campus. "I always felt welcome stopping by their offices. They made us feel more at home," he added.

"I loved to shoot pool and there was a black gentleman — 'Buss' Cook, who ran a pool hall downtown — that I could confide in as well," Haskins said. "And, there was Prince Fant, who worked in food services on The Hill. My girlfriend (and soon to be wife) Yvette used to stay with Prince and his wife, Joanne, when she would come down to see me."

Just when Haskins and Smith were getting settled and completing their freshman year, they faced a big change. Coach Diddle decided it was time to retire and turned the basketball program over to Oldham. "Coach Diddle called Dwight and me in and introduced us to Coach Oldham," said Haskins. "I truly developed an instant respect for him. He made a great impression on us and never failed to live up to that every day. Even today, my experience with him still has an impact on my life."

It was a time of change and Haskins and Smith were on the cutting edge of that change in Hilltopper basketball. But, as Haskins puts it, "we were very fortunate to have so many good people on campus and in the community there to support us all the way."

Haskins and Smith went on to star with the Toppers, leading Oldham's first three teams to a combined 66-15 record, three postseason appearances, two Ohio Valley Conference championships and a pair of OVC tournament titles along with a national ranking as high as #3 in the nation.

In the end, good people won out (many, many more than mentioned here). Oldham and Haskins' comments were limited by space — read the entire spotlight at www.alumni.wku.edu/recalling-forwardthinking and Hilltopper basketball became one of the pioneers of integration in the college game.

basketball, as UTEP's five African-American starters beat Kentucky's five white starters. The game has been romanticized in both a book and movie entitled "Glory Road".

"There should have been no 'Glory Road,'" Haskins said. "We'd have played Kentucky in the next game and beat them and there wouldn't have been a 'Glory Road.'"

McDaniels, who was a three-time all-American from 1969 to 1971, credited Haskins and Smith, who died in a car accident after his senior season, for blazing a trail and making Western a safe place for African-Americans.

McDaniels said he did not encounter many problems on campus or on the road, but added that when he returned home to Scottsville, Ky., with some teammates he had a pistol pulled on him while trying to shoot pool at a local pool hall that had not been integrated.

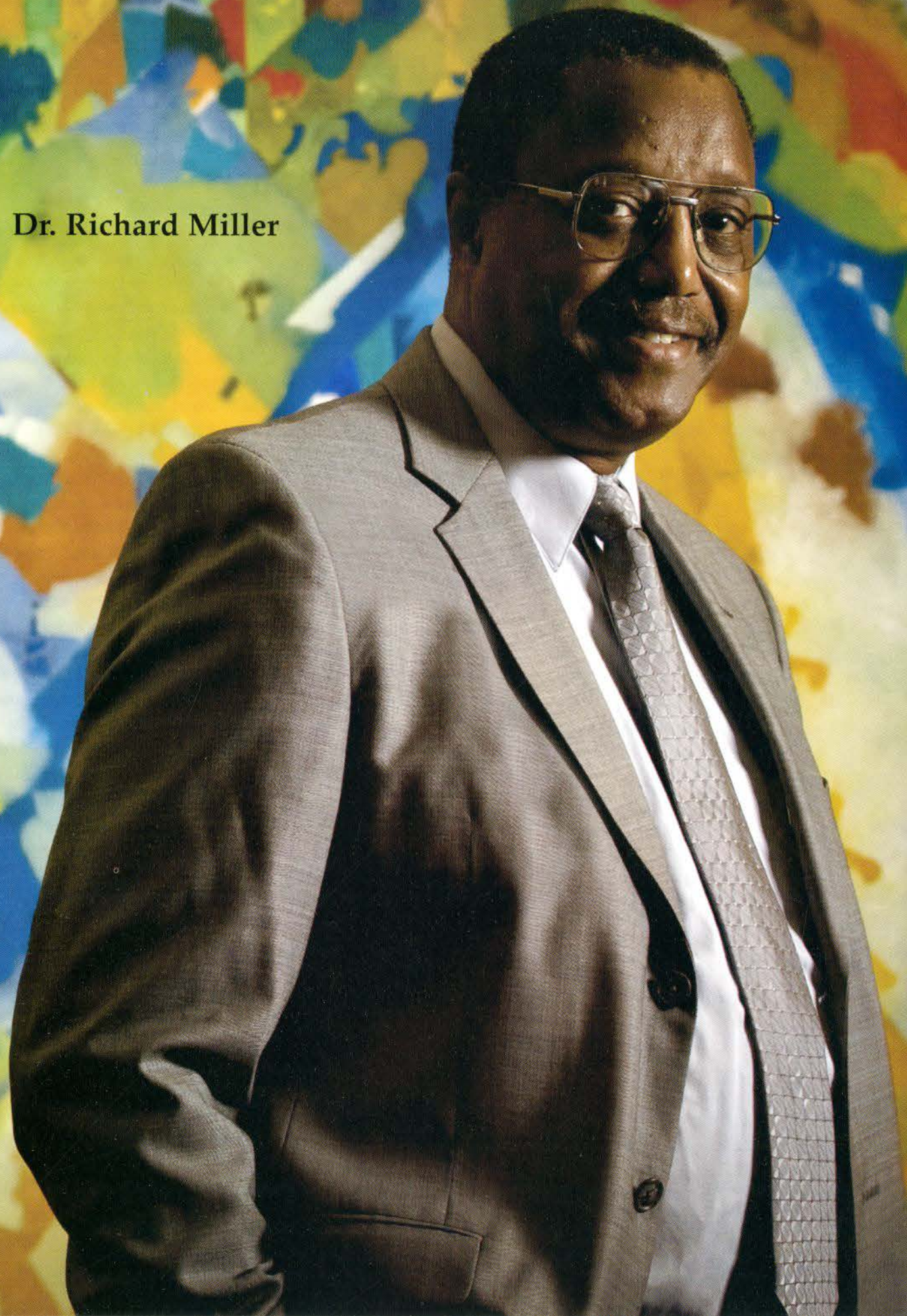
"It was pretty embarrassing," McDaniels said. "I got caught in that in-between period breaking down the racism door. Thank God it started to change."

McDaniels avenged Kentucky's halfhearted recruitment by leading a 107-83 rout of Kentucky in the 1971 tournament. That was Kentucky's first season with an African-American player on the varsity. It took Kentucky 30 years, its great 1996 national championship team, to start five African-Americans for an entire season.

"He was way behind E. A. Diddle and Western Kentucky," McDaniels said of Rupp. "We were a leader in that time of integration."

And that forward thinking is just part of a strong legacy revived by this current Western run.

Dr. Richard Miller



The Office of Diversity Programs

By Stephanie Hatfield '08

As WKU becomes a leading American university with international reach, preparing students for a global world means embracing diversity on all fronts. Dr. Richard Miller leads the charge. After coming to WKU in 2006 as the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, the following year he was also named to the new position of Chief Diversity Officer, leading the Office of Diversity Programs.

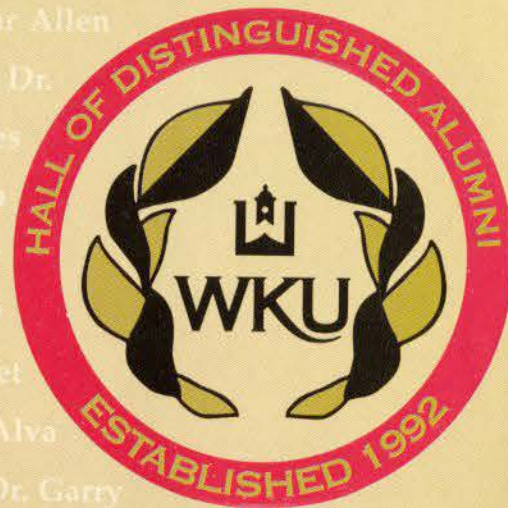
The Office of Diversity Programs works to deliver university-wide services and programs to incorporate diversity into the total educational experience of WKU students, providing them with the awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary to succeed in a pluralistic society. The office builds mutually beneficial relationships with WKU alumni and the Bowling Green community, while collaborating with faculty and staff to advance their core values of diversity, social justice, leadership development and intellectual growth. Dr. Miller believes if we can make a small impact on students' perspectives, then we are incredibly successful.

A former Baseball All-American from upstate New York with a doctorate in physical education, Dr. Miller has long been interested in issues of diversity and opportunities for African Americans and minorities. After attending and later as an administrator at Ithaca College, a predominately white institution, and then having worked at Bowie State University and Benedict College, two historically black institutions, Dr. Miller wholeheartedly took on the challenge of diversity. He pursued opportunity at WKU, soon stepping into his role as Chief Diversity Officer.

Dr. Miller oversees matters concerning diversity on campus and is working to ensure these issues are brought to an administrative level. Acting and making change on policy and procedures to make them reflective of diversity is one of Dr. Miller's crucial goals. The Office of Diversity Programs is one of the many areas propelling WKU through a new century of vision—becoming a leading American university with international reach.



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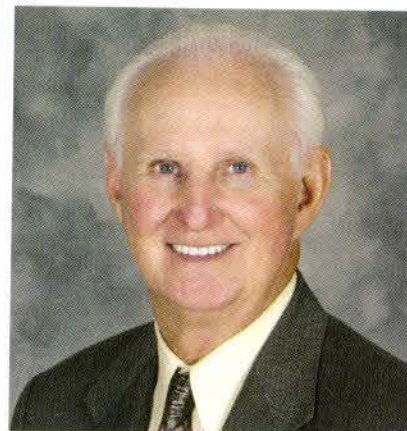
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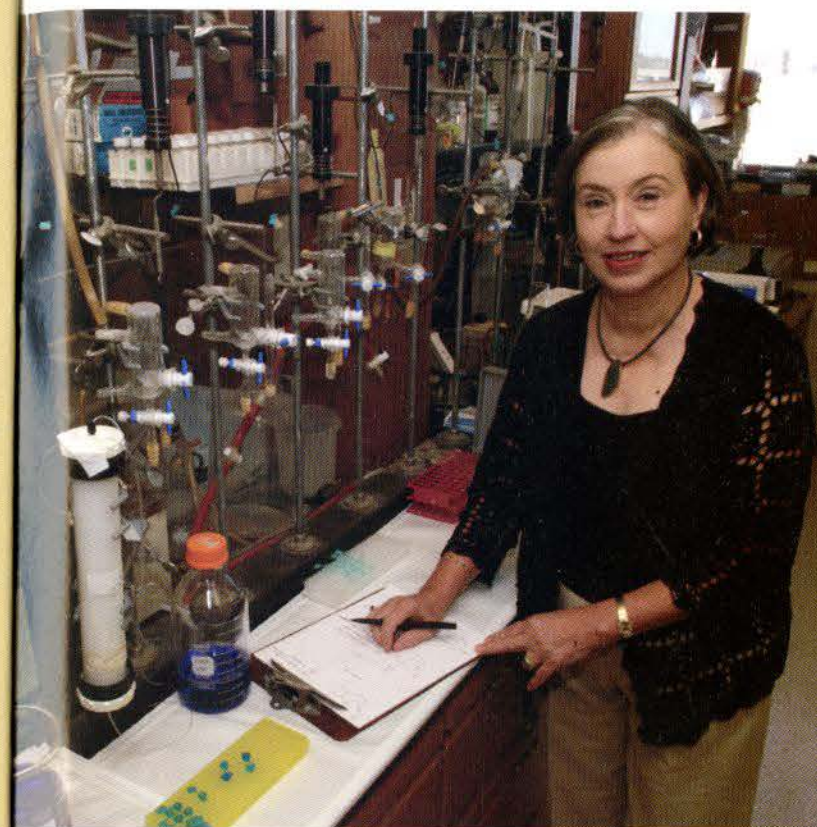
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A scientist whose research led to the development of Viagra, the chairman and CEO of Houchens Industries and a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist will join Western Kentucky University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni this fall.



Dr. Sharron Halcomb Francis, Jimmie Gipson and the late Bill Strode will be inducted during WKU's Homecoming celebration. The 17th class of noted alumni will be inducted during a Homecoming week luncheon at 11:30 am, Oct. 31 at the Sloan Convention Center. For ticket information, contact the WKU Alumni Association at 1-888-WKU-ALUM.



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**DR. SHARRON
HALCOMB FRANCIS**

The next time you see an advertisement for Viagra, Cialis, Levitra or Revatio, you can thank Sharron H. Francis for her role in research that led to development of drugs to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension.

Dr. Francis graduated from WKU in 1965 with a degree in biology and was named Most Outstanding Biology Student. She earned her Ph.D. in Medical Physiology from Vanderbilt University in 1970 and completed postdoctoral work at Washington University in St. Louis and the National Heart and Lung Institute in Bethesda, Md. She joined the faculty of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1975 and works as a research professor in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics. She also

teaches and mentors doctoral and postdoctoral trainees.

Her research focuses on mechanisms cells use to regulate their functions, including cyclic nucleotide-dependent protein kinases and cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterases and their role in hypertension, asthma, diabetes and male impotence. In the late 1970s, she began a collaboration with Professor Jackie D. Corbin, focusing on cyclic GMP, which regulates contraction in muscles surrounding blood vessels. They purified and extensively characterized a protein named phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE-5) that breaks down cGMP and modulates blood pressure.

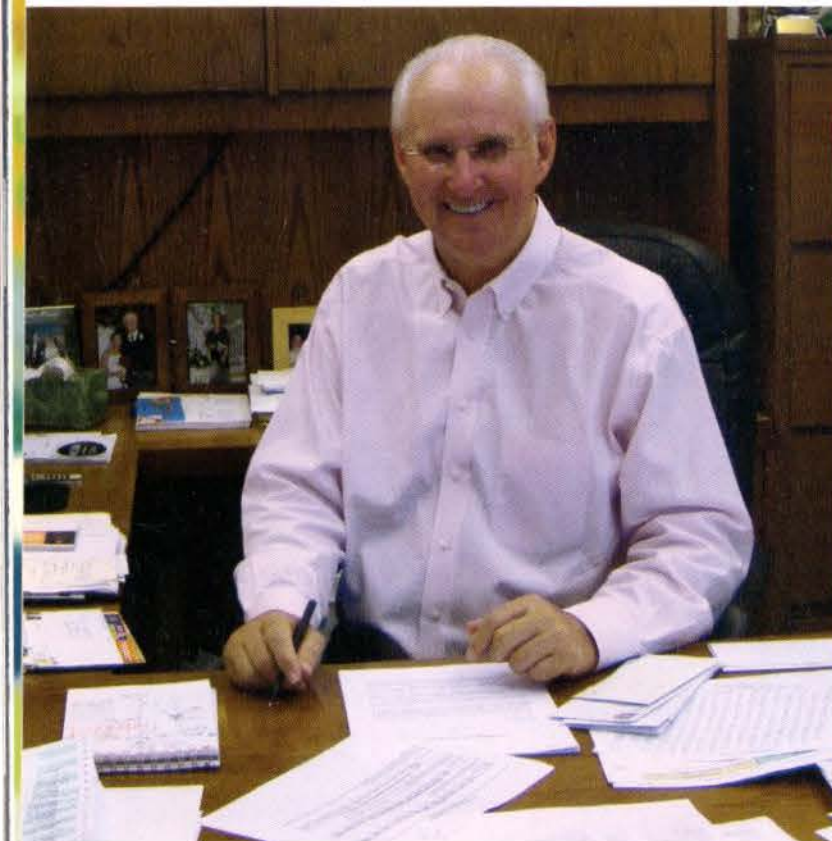
In a clinical trial, scientists at Pfizer found another effect of PDE-5 on regulating blood vessel functions – a treatment for male impo-

tence. Viagra was born. (PDE-5 is also the target of Levitra, Cialis and Revatio.)

Dr. Francis has published and edited extensively on PDE-5 and cGMP. She received a Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health and financial support from the National Institutes of Health, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and numerous pharmaceutical companies.

In 2007, the alumnus of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at WKU received the National Alpha Delta Pi Alumni Award for Most Outstanding Contribution to Profession.

She is married to Dr. Robert S. Francis; they have two children.



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JIMMIE GIPSON

Jimmie Gipson, a 1963 graduate of Bowling Green Business University, began working for Houchens as an accounting manager in 1965 and was named CEO in 1993.

Houchens Industries has been a household name in southern Kentucky since Ervin Houchens opened his first store in 1917, but the company's portfolio has been diversified and strengthened with the leadership of Gipson.

In late 1988, in a series of events orchestrated by Gipson's vision, the company's employees became its owners. Today, Houchens Industries is the largest 100 percent employee-owned company (ESOP) in the United States, and in staying with Gipson's vision of diversification, now enjoys a presence in Insurance, Retail Fixture Manufacturing, Web Development, Retail Grocery and

Convenience Stores, Quick-to-Service Restaurants, Construction, Paving, Trucking, Recycling, Fencing Manufacturing, Tanning Supply Distribution, Optical Stores, Financial Services and Property Management.

In November 2007 Gipson was named the 2007 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the Kentucky/Ohio region.

With Gipson at the helm, Houchens Industries projected net revenue for fiscal year 2007 has grown to more than \$2 billion. The company currently has more than 15,000 employees. Houchens Industries was ranked No. 140 last year in Forbes magazine's Largest Privately Held Companies list.

Gipson also fosters a culture in giving back to the communities. In 2007, the company made a significant contribution to WKU to

enhance an expansion and renovation project of Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium. The company also is the primary sponsor of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's girls' state basketball tournament at Diddle Arena bringing millions of dollars in revenue to the Bowling Green economy each year, is the primary sponsor of the annual Boys and Girls club golf tournament, the primary revenue stream for the nonprofits annual income, and enjoys sponsorships of non-profit causes and groups throughout the area that it services.

Gipson and his wife, Ann, live in Bowling Green and have six grown children.

William H. "Bill" Strode is acknowledged as a pioneer and giant in the field of photojournalism.

Strode graduated from WKU in 1959 and began a 17-year career at The Courier-Journal in 1960. Strode and his staff elevated the newspaper's reputation in photojournalism and shared two Pulitzer Prizes – one for public service in 1967 for a series of reports about strip mining in eastern Kentucky and one for feature photography in 1976 for coverage of court-ordered busing in Jefferson County.

Strode influenced a generation of photojournalists, including those who established WKU's photojournalism program in the mid-1970s. As an adjunct faculty member, Strode was instrumental in enabling WKU to produce top quality photojournalists.

Many WKU graduates interned at The Courier-Journal or were staff photographers while Strode served as the paper's assistant director of photography.

Strode, who was picture editor for the paper's Sunday Magazine, left the Courier-Journal in 1976 to freelance and shot for National Geographic, Time, Life, Sports Illustrated, Esquire, The New York Times, The Washington Post and others. In 1984, he was hired by Humana to photograph artificial heart recipient William Schroeder.

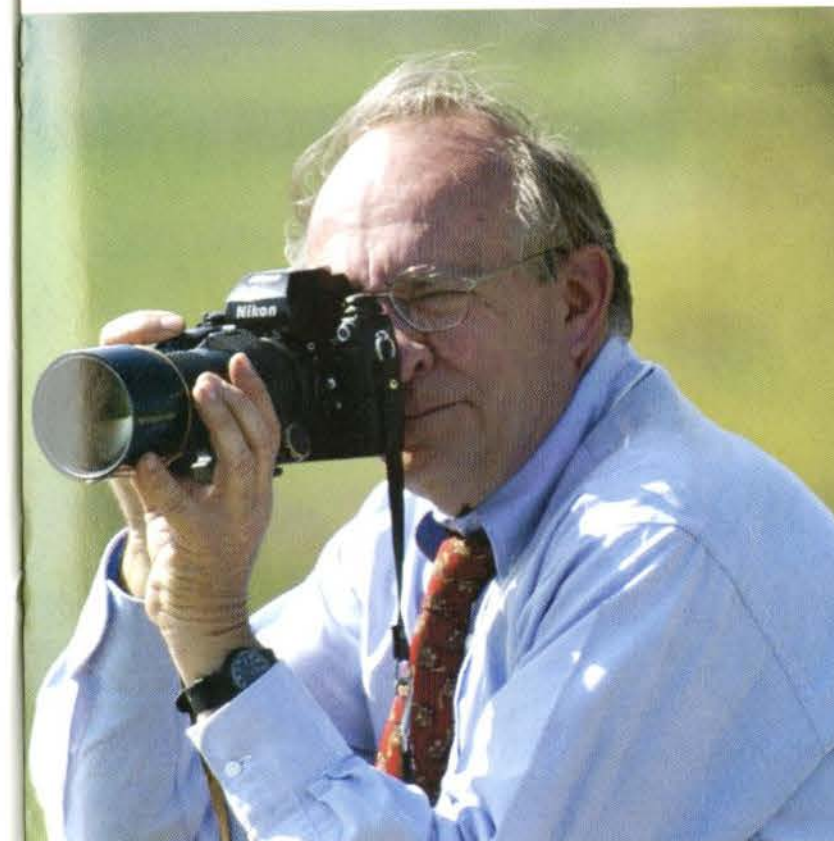
In 1978, he founded William Strode Associates, a photography company. In 1984, he co-founded Harmony House Publications, which specializes in photography books.

Strode joined the National Press Photographers Association in

1957 and was the group's president in 1974. He was the NPPA-University of Missouri Pictures of the Year Newspaper Photographer of the Year in 1966, was Region 4 Newspaper Photographer of the Year four consecutive times (1964-67), won the NPPA's Joseph Costa Award in 1992, a Morris Berman Citation in 1967 and the President's Award in 1965.

Strode is recognized as part of WKU's Pulitzer Wall of Fame in Mass Media and Technology Hall. The Pulitzer Prize, administered by Columbia University, is regarded as the highest national honor in journalism, arts and letters.

Strode died on May 15, 2006. He was survived by four children.

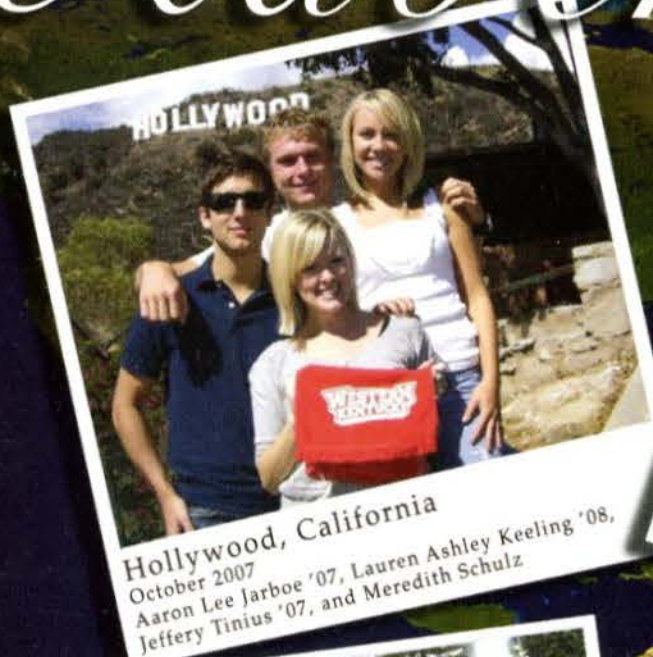


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HALL OF

*Distinguished Alumni*WILLIAM H.
"BILL" STRODE

Adventures of the



Hollywood, California
October 2007
Aaron Lee Jarboe '07, Lauren Ashley Keeling '08,
Jeffery Tinius '07, and Meredith Schulz



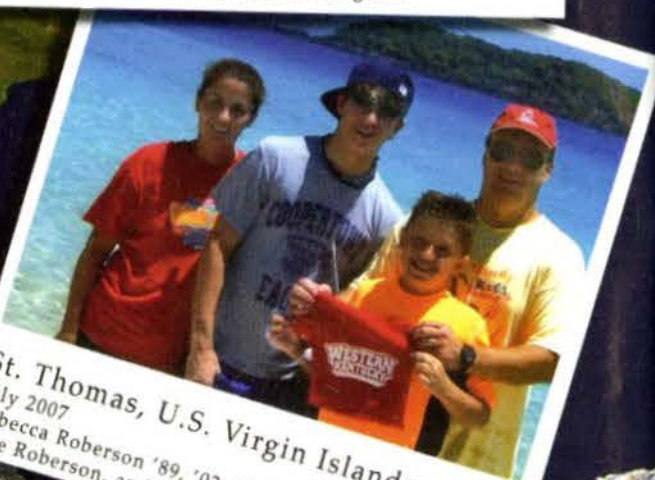
Amsterdam, Netherlands
April 2008
Mike '71 and Susan (Royse) Stevens '71



St. Petersburg, Russia
June 2007
Ron '77 and Debbie (Ralston) Sowell '78 and
Jane (Lockwood) '78 and Alan Cannon '77



Chateau De Versailles, France
June 2008
WKU alumni, faculty & current students
Art Department Study Abroad Program



St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
July 2007
Rebecca Roberson '89, '03, Nick Roberson,
Jake Roberson, and Bry Roberson '88

RED TOWEL



Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica
January 2008
Mitchell Leichhardt '70, Dr. David Coffey '71, Jamie '02
and Kristie Guffey '01, Jenna Smith '06, '08, and
Rebecca Humphrey '08, with current WKU students



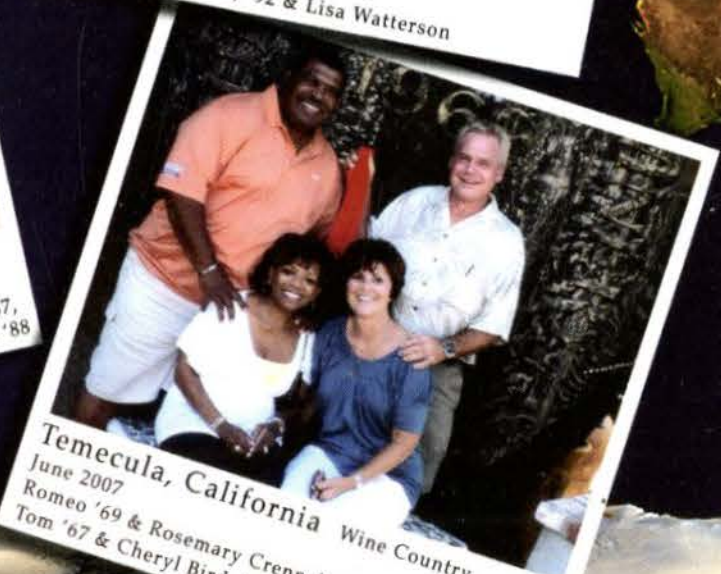
Capri Island, Italy
February 2007
Dennis Jr. '92 & Valerie Hoover Blair '91



Negril, Jamaica
February 2008
Roger '91 & Debbie Casalengo and
Dan "Big Daddy" '90, '92 & Lisa Watterson



Key Largo, Florida
February 2008
Ted Cudnick '67, '75, John Noel '68, Gene Haskett '65, '67,
Don Dapper '67, Donald Smith '94, and Alex Downing '88



Temecula, California Wine Country
June 2007
Romeo '69 & Rosemary Crennel and
Tom '67 & Cheryl Bird '68

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

Please list names of each person in picture and their graduation year. Please include date and location of picture. Send pictures to: WKU Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Attention: WKU SPIRIT Red Towel Travels 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31016 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1016 or email to alumni@wku.edu Pictures will not be returned.

★ **Monday, October 27th** ★

Homecoming Coloring Contest

Big Red will be visiting Bowling Green and Warren County schools to give information on the Homecoming Coloring Contest! Contact the Alumni Association at 270.745.4395.

Homecoming Blood Drive

12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Garrett Conference Center Ballroom

**Sponsored by the
Department of Agriculture**

Support the American Red Cross by donating during Homecoming week. The blood drive will continue Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. For more information, contact Gabrielle Hunt 270.745.3151.

★ **Tuesday, October 28th** ★

Glasgow Halloween Homecoming Tailgate Party and Bonfire

6:00 p.m.

Glasgow Regional Center on Trojan Trail

**Sponsored by the Barren County
Alumni Chapter, the WKU Glasgow
Campus, and Dickerson Lumber**

The party starts here! Join Glasgow campus students, faculty and area alumni as we celebrate Homecoming festivities with a spooky bonfire, creepy food, scary fellowship, and some frightening WKU cheer! The kids will enjoy the Halloween costume contest while you enjoy kicking off Homecoming Week with a bang! Contact Barren County Alumni Chapter President Bryan Baysinger at 270.651.2663.



WKU HOMECOMING November 1, 2008

★ **Thursday, October 30th** ★

Chili and Cheese Luncheon and Pep Rally

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

**Sponsored by Junior Achievement of
South Central Kentucky and the
Warren County Alumni Chapter**

The official Homecoming Pep Rally

continues its tradition with good food, great fun, and lots of WKU Spirit! WKU Football players, cheerleaders, and Topperettes will join Coach David Elson for an exciting afternoon that is sure to elevate Topper excitement. Tickets are \$5 each. Proceeds benefit Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky.

The following list of activities is a tentative schedule of Homecoming week events. For an updated schedule, visit the Alumni Association website at www.wku.edu/alumni. For more information on Homecoming 2008, contact Ginny Hensley at 1.888.WKU.ALUM or alumni@wku.edu.

Homecoming Friday Night



Homecoming Parade Vote Big Red for President!

5:00 p.m.

College Heights Blvd/Avenue of Champions

**Sponsored by Citizens First Bank
Hosted by the Warren County
Alumni Chapter**

Looking for the WKU Spirit? You'll find it here at the 2008 Homecoming Parade. Community and campus entries are welcome. Contact Ginny Hensley at 270.745.4395 or ginny.hensley@wku.edu.

Big Red Street Fest

6:00 p.m. (or immediately after Parade)

Diddle Arena Auxiliary Gym

**CITIZENS FIRST
Bank**

**Sponsored by Citizens First Bank
Hosted by the Warren County
Alumni Chapter**

Following the parade, journey over to Diddle Arena where this free event has something for everyone in the family. Come dressed in your costume and enter the Homecoming Halloween Costume Contest. Enjoy a safe Halloween night of inflatable games, prizes, food, and lots of fun for the entire family – all in honor of Homecoming on the Hill! Contact Alex Downing at 270.745.5266.



Big Red's Roar

6:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center Colonnade

WKU students will be showing their school pride during this annual Homecoming Pep Rally. Hear from Head Football Coach David Elson, the 2008 Hilltopper Football team, Big Red, and the Homecoming Queen candidates. Contact Student Activities at 270.745.5809

10th Annual Summit Awards

6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Program

Knicely Center at South Campus

WKU honors its outstanding volunteers at this recognition and awards ceremony. Contact Amy Miller at 270.745.4395 or amy.miller@wku.edu.

BGWSO

"A Century of Symphony"

ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI CONCERT

7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church

Featuring the following WKU alumni: Timothy Simpson, Tenor; David Paul Gibson, Composer; Kevin Lanham, Narrator. Contact BGWSO Board President Leslie Watkins at 270.745.6993 or leslie.watkins@wku.edu.

2008 Homecoming Concert JASON ALDEAN

Time TBD E.A. Diddle Arena

Tickets on sale beginning September

5th. To purchase tickets, call the WKU Ticket Office at 1.800.5BIGRED or 270.745.5222.

★ **Friday, October 31st** ★ Hall of Distinguished Alumni Luncheon and Induction Ceremony

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sloan Convention Center

Make plans to attend the celebration of the highest honor WKU bestows upon its alumni. The 2008 inductees are Dr. Sharron Francis, Jimmie Gipson, and Bill Strode. For ticket reservations, contact the Alumni Association at 270.745.4395.



Society of African American Alumni Mixer

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Faculty House

Contact Destiny Smith at destiny.smith@wku.edu or 270.745.4395.

Sigma Nu Alumni Open House

8:00 p.m. 1311 College Street

The Brothers of Eta Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu open their door to all alumni for food, drinks, and brotherhood. Plus, we'll be raffling a WKU Homecoming Tailgate Prize Package. Contact Commander James Logsdon at james.logsdon





FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

Society of African American Alumni Tent

Find out more about how we are shaping the future of WKU! Contact Destiny Smith at 270.745.4395 or destiny.smith@wku.edu.

Owensboro Alumni Chapter Tent

Celebrate WKU Homecoming with other alumni from Owensboro. Contact Jennifer Wethington at 270.745.4395 or jennifer.wethington@wku.edu.

Evansville Alumni Chapter Tent

Celebrate WKU Homecoming with other alumni from Evansville. Contact Jennifer Wethington at 270.745.4395 or jennifer.wethington@wku.edu.

Festival of Friends

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Downing University Center South Lawn
Don't miss your chance to celebrate Homecoming 2008 with old friends as you prep for the WKU vs. North Texas football game. Alumni from across the globe will gather at the Festival, which features rows and rows of tents representing Colleges, Departments, Student Organizations, Alumni Groups, and more!

Housing and Residence Life Tent

Reunite with current and former staff members over barbecue! Contact Peggy Crowe at 270.745.2037 or peggy.crowe@wku.edu.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Cabaret Epsilon Zeta's 40th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration

9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn University Plaza Ballroom B
This is an upscale social to celebrate our 40th anniversary and 100 years of service. Check your e-mail for more 40th anniversary details. Contact Jessica Sutherland at jessica.sutherland@wku.edu or 502.551.9466.

Saturday, November 1st HOMECOMING DAY!

Vote Big Red for President! Presidential Mascot Debate and Brunch

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Knically Center at South Campus
Sponsored by the Carroll Knically Center

Academic Reunions Homecoming Tents

Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences

The department formerly known as Industrial Technology is sponsoring a barbecue for all alumni, students, and faculty. Contact Dr. Terry Leeper at 270.745.5954 or Gaye Pearl at 270.745.3251.

Army ROTC Alumni

All Hilltopper Battalion Alumni and friends are invited to visit our camouflage-covered Army tent near Preston Center. Contact Military Science at 270.745.4293.

College of Health and Human Services

Contact Eva Whittle at 270.745.7003.

The Department of Geography and Geology

Contact Wendy Decroix at 270.745.4555 or wendy.decroix@wku.edu.

You're right. Big Red doesn't talk, so how will he debate? Enjoy brunch, tour the Knically Center facilities, have a Homecoming picture made with the mascots, and witness the most interesting Presidential Debate of the season! Free and open to all WKU alumni and families! Contact Ginny Hensley at 270.745.4395 or Jenni Perry at 270.745.8922.

Saturday, November 1st 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Gordon Ford College of Business

Join alumni, friends, faculty and staff for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship prior to the game. Watch your mail for further details or visit www.wku.edu/gfcb.

Honors College Tailgate Supporting Big Red: an HONORific candidate for President!

The University Honors Program would like to welcome alumni back to WKU. Stop by and spend time before the Homecoming football game by snacking and socializing with the current Honors students, other Honors Alumni and staff. Contact Amy Chester at amy.chester@wku.edu or 270.745.2081.

Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Contact Lisa Wood or Patricia Reynolds at 270.745.4449.

Greek Organizations Homecoming Tents

Alpha Gamma Rho

Contact Trent Jackson at 270.860.9654.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Epsilon Zeta's 40th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration

Check your e-mail for more 40th anniversary details. Contact Jessica Sutherland at 502.551.9466 or jessica.sutherland@wku.edu.

Kappa Delta Sorority

All alumnae are encouraged to attend, specifically pledge classes from 1994-2002. Contact Bonnie Holt at bonnieholt78@hotmail.com or Cindy Chiappetta Barnett at cindychi1923@yahoo.com.

Farmhouse Fraternity

Contact the Chapter President at 270.843.4518.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

Contact the Chapter President at 270.783.9388.

Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Contact the Chapter President at 270.846.7959.

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

Contact the Chapter President at 270.842.7347.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Contact Charley Pride at 270.745.5699.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Contact the Chapter President at 270.842.7347.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

For information, visit our website at www.kybeta.com.

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Contact Reece Schenkenfelder at 606.224.3358 or Byron.schenkenfelder256@wku.edu.

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Contact Commander James Logsdon at james.logsdon@wku.edu.

'52 Refrigerator Bowl Team Reunion

The first football team in WKU's history to reach post-season play will hold its annual reunion during Homecoming weekend. Contact Kara Hogue at 270.745.4396 or kara.hogue@wku.edu.

57th Annual Student Publications Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Mass Media and Technology Hall Atrium
Student Publications welcomes all former Herald and Talisman staff members. Contact Tracy Newton or Sherry West at 270.745.2653.

Alumni W-Club Athletic Hall of Fame and Brunch

9:30 a.m. E.A. Diddle Arena main floor

Join the annual W-Club Brunch as we induct new members into WKU's Athletic Hall of Fame! Contact Paul Just at 270.745.5379 or paul.just@wku.edu.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Breakfast and Ceremony Epsilon Zeta's 40th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration

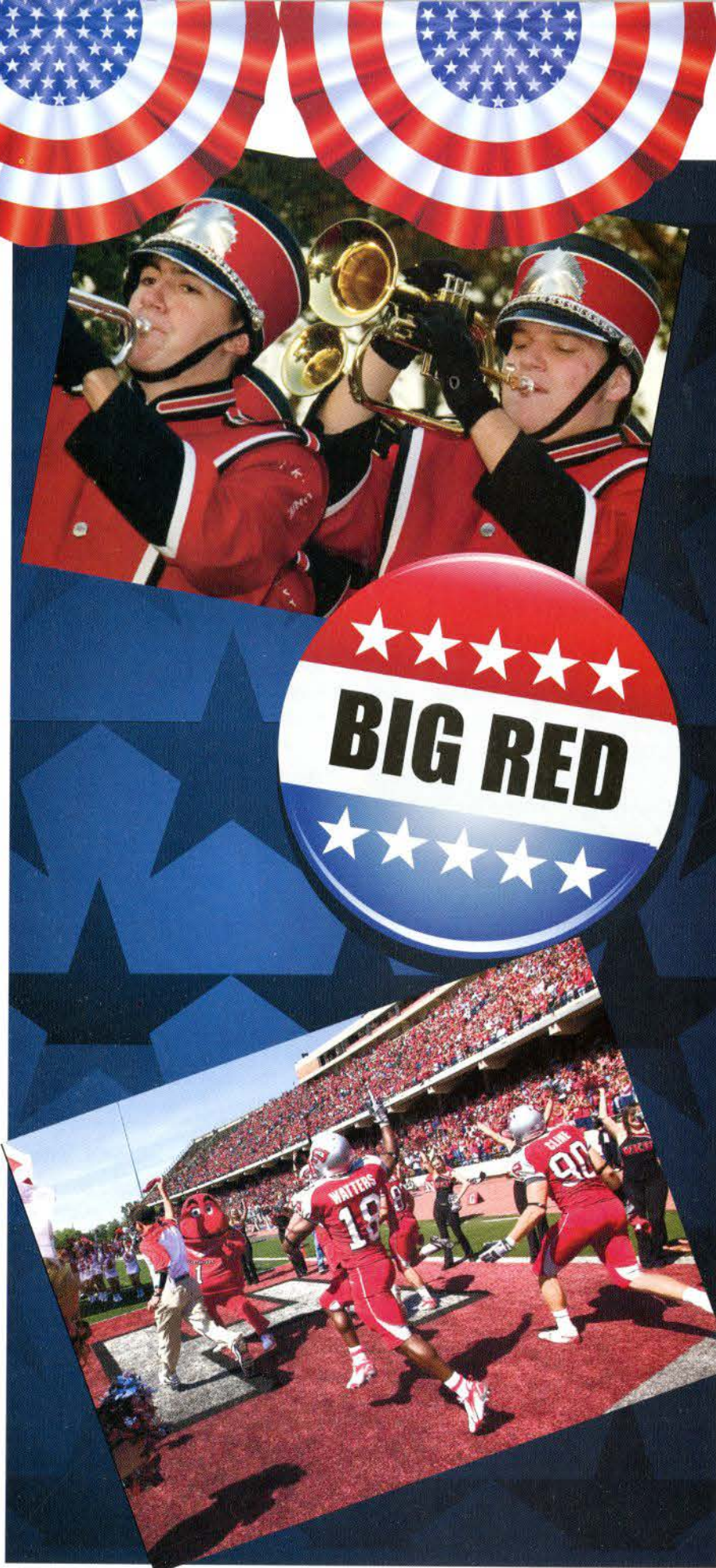
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn University Plaza Ballroom B
Check your e-mail for more 40th anniversary details. Contact Jessica Sutherland at 502.551.9466 or jessica.sutherland@wku.edu.

Imagewest Morning Mixer

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact Heather Garcia at heather.garcia@wku.edu for more information.



Health Screenings at the Mobile Health Unit

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
DUC South Lawn near Academic Complex
**Sponsored by the Institute for
Rural Health Research &
Development**
Contact Matt Hunt at 270.745.6948.

Biology Department Alumni Reception

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Engineering
and Biological Science Building 3rd floor
All Biology alumni and friends are invit-
ed to attend. Light refreshments will
be served. Contact the Biology
Department office at 270.745.3696 or
biology@wku.edu.

Residence Hall Open Houses

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Diddle Arena's Stansbury Concourse
Visit your former home and see the
changes! Sponsored by the Department
of Housing and Residence Life. Contact
Peggy Crowe at 270.745.2037 or
peggy.crowe@wku.edu.

Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority Beta Sigma Chapter 40th Anniversary Celebration Breakfast

10:00 a.m.
Downing University Center Cupola Room
The breakfast will feature speakers,
presentations, award recognitions, and
anniversary ceremony. All members
past and present and their families are
invited to attend. Contact Aurelia
Spaulding at 270.782.0082 or email
BetaSigma1968@gmail.com.

Chi Omega Homecoming Celebration

10:00 a.m. to noon 1580 Normal Dr.
Contact Monica Holland Duvall at
mduvall@southernfoodsinc.com or
Nan Thomas Natcher at
nancy.natcher597@wku.edu.

Phi Mu Alumni Brunch

10:00 a.m. to noon 1553 Chestnut Street
Please join us at our new house to cele-
brate homecoming with snacks and sister-
hood. Contact stephanie.lane@wku.edu.

Sigma Chi Fraternity Homecoming Reunion

10:00 a.m. 1215 College Street
Contact Reece Schenkenfelder at
606.224.3358 or Byron.schenkenfelder
256@wku.edu.

Student Publications Open House

10:30 a.m. to noon Adams-Whitaker
Student Publications Center
Contact Tracy Newton or Sherry West
at 270-745-2653.

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Open House

10:30 a.m. 1633 Chestnut Street
We will also be celebrating the Alumnae
of the Year. Contact Rebecca DeSensi at
rebecca.desensi@wku.edu.

Kappa Delta Sorority Alumnae Tea

11:00 a.m. 1600 Chestnut Street
All alumnae are encouraged to attend,
specifically pledge classes from 1994-
2002. Contact Bonnie Holt at bon-
nieholt78@hotmail.com or Cindy
Chiappetta Barnett at cindychi1923
@yahoo.com.

HOMEcoming FOOTBALL GAME Hilltoppers vs. North Texas

3:30 p.m.

Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium

The Toppers will welcome Sun Belt Conference opponent North Texas into Houchens Smith Stadium on Homecoming Day! Cheer on the Toppers while celebrating Homecoming with the crowning of the Queen and other exciting Homecoming "extras". To reserve your game ticket, call the WKU Ticket Office at 1.800.5BIGRED.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity Alumni Cookout

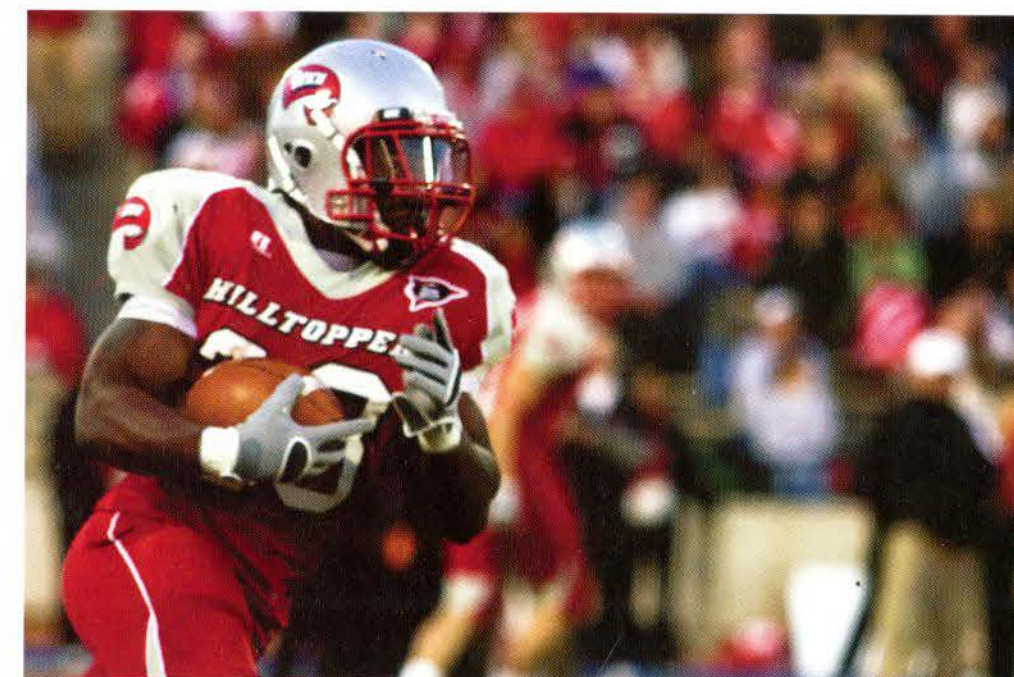
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
300 E. 14th Street
For more information, visit our
website at www.kybeta.com.

Sigma Kappa Alumnae Tea

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa House, 1551 Chestnut Street
Celebrate our sisterhood and our
growth over the years with a tea party!
For more information, contact Brittany
Haviland at 931.980.1206.

IMREC Sports Alumni Homecoming Picnic

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. South Lawn
The Department of Intramural-
Recreational Sports would like to invite
former employees (students and staff)
and families to join them for food and
fellowship prior to the Homecoming
Game. Meet the current staff, renew
friendships, share your past experi-
ences with everyone, and witness the
beginning of the Preston Center
Expansion and Renovation Project.
Contact Steve Rey at 270.745.6060.



Department of Agriculture Homecoming Luncheon

Noon
L.D. Brown Agriculture Exposition Center
Contact the Department of Agriculture at 270.745.3151 or agriculture@wku.edu.

School of Journalism and Broadcasting Alumni Cookout

Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Mass Media and Technology Hall Lobby
The New Century Media Society Induction Ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. Contact Kathy Williams at kat.williams@wku.edu.

Engineering Department Reception

Noon to 3:00 p.m. - Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences
All Engineering and Engineering Technology alumni and families are invited to celebrate with our growing department. Contact Tricia Harper at 270.745.2461 or patricia.harper@wku.edu.

Geography and Geology Departmental Tour

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - EST 3rd Floor
Contact Wendy Decroix at wendy.decroix@wku.edu or 270.745.4555.

Department of Allied Health Homecoming Course

Academic Complex
Join Allied Health for a continuing education course on Homecoming day. Contact Lynn Austin at 270.745.2427.

BSU/BCM Alumni and Friends Reception

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - 1574 Normal Drive
Sponsored by Baptist Campus Ministry
After the reception, we'll be tailgating. Contact Tommy Johnson, Campus Minister, at 270.781.3185 or thomas.johnson@wku.edu.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alumni Dance

For more information, visit our website at www.kybeta.com.

Sigma Chi Fraternity Alumni Dinner and Dance

Contact Reece Schenkenfelder at 606.224.3358 or byron.schenkenfelder256@wku.edu.

Annual NPHC Step Show

8:00 p.m. - Diddle Arena
After the game, head to Diddle Arena to see step performances that will astound you! Contact the Office of Diversity Programs at 270.745.5066.

Society of African American Alumni Dance

10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Carroll Knicely Center at South Campus
Sponsored by the Society of African American Alumni
Contact Destiny Smith at 270.745.4395 or destiny.smith@wku.edu.

★ Sunday, November 2nd ★

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Closing Breakfast and Picture Epsilon Zeta's 40th Anniversary and Centennial Celebration

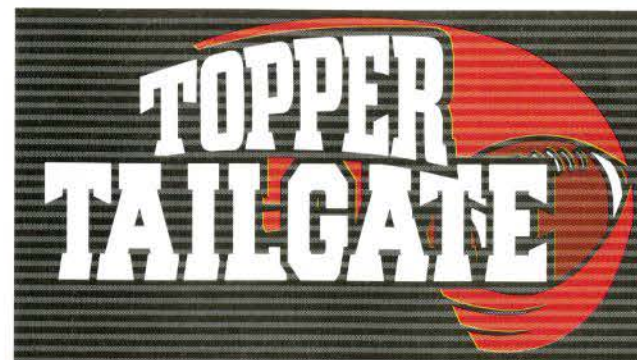
10:00 a.m. to noon
Holiday Inn University Plaza Salon C
Check your e-mail for more 40th anniversary details. Contact Jessica Sutherland at 502.551.9466 or jessica.sutherland@wku.edu

International Alumni Brunch

10:00 a.m. Office of International Student and Scholar Services
For more information, contact Destiny Smith at destiny.smith@wku.edu.

12th Annual Jim Wayne Miller Celebration of Writing Featuring Robert Morgan

2:00 p.m.
Garrett Conference Center Room 103
Robert Morgan is the author of Gap Creek and the award-winning Boone: A Biography. A reception and book signing will immediately follow the reading. This event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Committee of the English Department and the Dean of Potter College of Arts and Letters. Contact Mary Ellen Miller at mary.miller@wku.edu or 270.745.5721.



Join alumni and fans from across the nation as we cheer on the Hilltoppers! Bring your red towel and wear your favorite WKU apparel for some guaranteed Big Red fun!

AWAY FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE

August 30 IU – Bloomington, IN	September 13 Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL	October 4 Virginia Tech – Blacksburg, VA	December 6 FIU – Miami, FL
September 6 EKU – Richmond, KY	September 27 UK – Lexington, KY	November 8 Troy – Troy, AL	To view Topper Tailgate Party and game times, visit www.wku.edu/alumni .

AND THERE'S MORE! To learn more about the WKU Alumni Association events coming to a city near you, visit www.wku.edu/alumni and click on Events Calendar.



Lifetime Members

The WKU Alumni Association sincerely thanks its Lifetime Members for their loyalty and dedication to WKU. Listed below are new WKU Alumni Association Lifetime members since February 16, 2008 - June 30, 2008. By calling 888.WKU.ALUM, you can become the newest Lifetime Member of the WKU Alumni Association!

Mr. Matthew P. Ayers
Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Beckman
Col. and Mrs. Sylvester C. Berdux, Jr.
Ms. Anita J. Blair
Mrs. Barbara Anne Blandino
Dr. Bonnie and Mr. Walter Breidenbach
Mr. Carl Rudolph Brewer, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David S. Brinkley
Mrs. Jennifer Lee Ann Brinkley
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan S. Britt
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edward Brooks
Mr. Craig E. Browning
Ms. Brenda Ruth Bush
Mr. Joe B. Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Carlisle
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Cecil
Ms. Mayron Justis Cockrel
Mrs. Susan R. Conner
Mr. Robert Jay Couch
Capt. and Mrs. Matthew Allen Crawford
Mrs. Donna E. Denney
Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Denney

Mr. Brian William Dougherty
Mr. and Mrs. Jason S. Finley
Mr. Bruce Allen Fulkerson
Ms. Jan Funk
Mrs. Elaine Grigsby Grunnet
Ms. Tori M. Hardin
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Daryl Hardy
Ms. Michael Ann Harper
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gregg Henry
Mr. Kevin M. Herndon
Ms. Carrie Anne Hill
Ms. Claudia Ann Houston
Mrs. Genevieve Ann Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross Hughes, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Hunt
Mr. John Stephen Jackson
Mr. Stephen J. Jecker
Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Christopher Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Johnson
Mr. William M. Johnson, Jr.
Ms. Cheryl A. Kabeli

Ms. Sherry Ann Kefauver
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paul Kopatich
Mr. Byron Dale Lee
Ms. Nancy Williams Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Loewen
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayden Lyon
Ms. Brenda McGown
Mr. Howard Robert Mitchell
Mr. Michael Lee Murphy
Mrs. Sarah Smith Nicholson
Mr. John Hopkins Noel, III
Ms. Eunice Inez Payne
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edward Pendleton
Mr. David Ray Puckett
Mr. Ivan Miner Quinn
Mr. Russell Scott Ranallo
Ms. Julie Beth Rightley
Mr. and Mrs. Randall C. Salley
Mrs. Robin Hight Scheier
Mr. Kenneth B. Shevlin
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Smith
Dixie E. Snider, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.

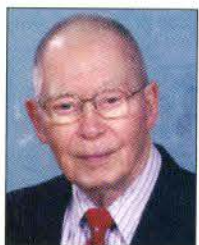
Mrs. Frances Kidd Steenbergen
Mr. James L. Stewart
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Christian Suiter
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher G. Swanberg
Mr. Michael S. Tarter
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kevin Vance
Mr. James Erskine Vonsick
Mr. and Mrs. James Michael Wade
Mrs. Dorothy W. Waldeck
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Alan Walker
Dr. Trina and Mr. James Warden
Mr. David Hunter Watkins
Mr. Jerry Wayne Wells
Mr. Bruce Alan West
Mrs. Jennifer L. Wethington
Mr. Benjamin P. White, Jr.
Mrs. Charlene Wilkinson
Mrs. Sharon Lee Woodward
Mr. Jonathan Clark Wysong
Dr. Rodney Earl Young
Mr. Norman Marvin Younger



Classnotes

Class Notes is a feature which allows WKU alumni association members to update fellow classmates on significant accomplishments that have happened in their lives. Annual memberships are \$25 and a lifetime membership is \$500. If you wish to join the Alumni Association or publish announcements in Class Notes, please submit them to WKU Alumni Association, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31016, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1016 or via email at alumni@wku.edu.

1940s



Dr. J. D. Corriher ('49) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was inducted into the Faculty Hall of Fame at The University of Alabama's

Culverhouse College of Commerce & Business Administration. Dr. Corriher is married to the former Margaret Bowling of Crawley, W. Va. They have a son, James and daughter, Martha.

1950s

Dr. Bill Braden ('59) of Frankfort, Ky., Executive Director of Kentucky Counseling Association received a national award in recognition of his outstanding dedication, mentoring and meritorious service to the counseling profession.

Fred Dow ('59) and his wife, Suzi, of Bisbee, Ariz., are the first couple to visit every national forest in the U.S. The completion of their 14-year mission occurred when they completed visiting and researching Alaska's two national forests in August 2008. The Dow's are the publishers of the U.S. National Forest Campground Guide website (www.forestcamping.com) and nine books which provide comprehensive information on campgrounds in national forests across the U.S.

1960s

Bob Kirby ('60) of Bowling Green, Ky., was honored April 18, 2008, at the grand opening of the Bob Kirby Branch of the Bowling Green Public Library.

Charles Bruce Carter ('63) and Carol F. Carter of Kuttawa, Ky., were married on April 21, 2007.



Dr. Thomas C. Meredith ('66) of Flowood, Miss., was re-elected as the National Association of System Heads for the seventh

straight year. NASH is an organization of chief executives of the nation's 52 public higher education systems.

Betty Gunn (Eldridge) Ditmore ('68, '71) of Franklin, Ky., was awarded the Simpson County Extensions Family and Consumer Science Award for 2007. She lives with her husband James Vickers Ditmore ('56) who has owned and managed H&R Block in Franklin for 37 years.

Kenneth C. Henry ('68) and wife, Karen L. Emberton, of Louisville, Ky., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 20, 2008. In addition, they have adopted a daughter born Dec. 15, 2003.

Save The Date

Golden Anniversary
Club Reunion

Honoring the Class of 1959
May 2009

For more information please contact your
Alumni Association at 888.WKU.ALUM or
tracy.morrison@wku.edu.

Missing 1959 Alumni

Do you know where these friends are?

Ms. Dorris Adams
Mr. Herman Wayne Anderson
Ms. Nellie B Baker
Ms. Nellie Barton
Ms. Evelyn C. Blair
Ms. Mary Dell Carey
Ms. Helen Gaddy Davis
Mrs. Irene Davis
Mr. James D Dossett
Mr. Nell A Edmonson
Mr. Billy Everett
Ms. Virginia Fults
Ms. Camilla Gatewood
Ms. Laura J Glenn
Ms. Eugenia Higgason
Ms. Ama Aileen C Hood
Mrs. Sue C. Jewell
Ms. Laura J Johnson
Ms. Ora Jewell Lawson
Mrs. Melvie Lively
Ms. Nancy Long
Ms. Sara B Lowe
Ms. Mary P Miller
Mrs. Josie C Morrow
Ms. Glenda Napier
Mr. Joe Beauchamp Neely
Ms. Gloria Elaine Richardson
Dr. James F Rold
Mr. Kenneth Thrasher
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1970s



Jim McDaniels ('71) of Bowling Green, Ky., has recently joined the staff of the WKU Alumni Association as

special assistant to the Executive Director. His primary responsibility is raising private support for the WKU Alumni Association, and he is excited to be back on the Hill.

Lila Guzman, Ph.D. ('73, '75) of Round Rock, Texas, recently published a biography about George Lopez, *George Lopez: Latino King of Comedy* (available September 2008). To find out more visit www.lilaguzman.com.

Jerry W. Wells ('73) of Bowling Green, Ky., retired from the Bowling Green Police Department on Oct. 31, 2006, after 30 years of service.



LTC Fred Daniel Cross ('75, '79) of Huntsville, Texas, received a master's in theological studies from the Austin Presbyterian

Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, in

May 2008. He is retired from the U.S. Army Reserve, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He is pursuing a call to mission ministry.

Alan "Royce" Hawkins ('75) of Spartanburg, S.C., manages Wade's Family Restaurant located in Spartanburg. The restaurant was recently recognized by Southern Living Magazine as the Best Family Restaurant with a first place finish in the 2007 Readers' Choice Awards. Wade's has been in business since 1947 and features a Southern style menu. The restaurant serves over 17,000 guests weekly. Royce and his wife Jenean have two children and two grandchildren.



Dr. James H. Snider ('75, '77) of Franklin, Ky., is serving as a member of the Kentucky Higher Education

Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC) Board of Directors. He is also serving his second term as an appointee of the Governor on the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board

(KCCRB). Dr. Snider serves as Senior School Counselor at Springfield High School, is President of the Simpson County Historical Society, and Chairman of the Simpson County Republican Party.

Gale Kirkwood Travis, CMAA ('75, '78) of Madisonville, Ky., was selected as the 1st recipient of the KAPOs Administrator of the Year award.

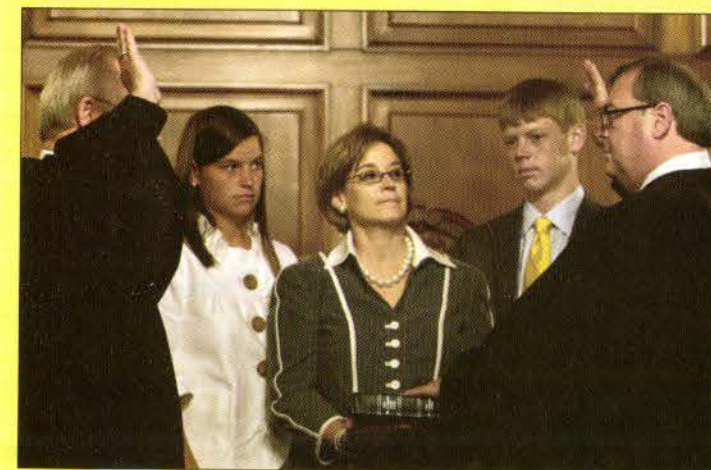
Rita Brown ('76) of Bowling Green, Ky., owner of Accounting Unlimited just celebrated 25 years in business in April 2008.



Eric ('76) and Barbara (Sellers) Ellsworth ('77) of Indianapolis, Ind. were married in July 2007.

Mitchell Whittle ('76) of Lawrenceburg, Ky., was promoted to Farm Loan Chief on May 13, 2007. Whittle manages USDA's Farm Loan Program for the state of Kentucky.

Richard Lawson ('77) of Tempe Ariz., is the President of Group Mobile who was recently ranked No. 595 by



John D. Minton Jr. ('74) of Bowling Green, Ky., was elected the fifth chief justice of Kentucky on May 12. Justice Minton will succeed Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, who announced April 24 that he would retire June 27. Justice Minton, 56, was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2006 to represent the 2nd Supreme Court District. Originally from Cadiz, Ky., Justice Minton grew up in Bowling Green where he continues to reside. He is married to the former Susan Lenell Page, a Bowling Green native. They have a daughter, Page Sullivan Minton, and a son, John D. Minton, III. Justice Minton is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. John D. Minton.

Inc. Magazine on its first-ever Inc. 5,000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the country. Group Mobile also ranked No. 15 in the Computers and Electronics category.



Fran (Padgett) Redmon ('77)

retired from Kentucky State Government in June 2007 after 28 years of service and received a national leadership award from the Craft Organization Development Association.

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Mark Biven ('79) of Richmond, Ky., recently attended the WKU vs. Florida

International basketball game with his son Matt ('10). Matt won a Darrin Horn autographed basketball.



Dr. Jeff Spurlock ('79) of Troy, Ala., associate professor at Troy University's Hall School of Journalism, is the recipient of the

Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University's most prestigious honor for faculty members.

1980s

Cheryl (Potter) Hughes ('80, '83) of Bowling Green, Ky., has retired after teaching for 27 years. Throughout her teaching career she received numerous awards and recognitions. Cheryl is married to **Keith M. Hughes ('83)**, a real estate appraiser. They have one son, Jacob, who is 16.



Sandy (Lanter) Raynor ('81, '84) of Union, Ky., was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve on April 29, 2008.

Raynor has been on active duty and in the Army Reserve for almost 24 years.

Deborah Fillman ('82, '85) of Owensboro, Ky., has been named Director of Green River District Health Department.

Rebecca Flannagan ('83, '86) of Florence, S.C., associate professor of English at Francis Marion University was presented the Shared Governance Award. The Shared Governance Award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration, and board of trustees.

Todd Lowe ('83) of Simpsonville, Ky., was elected Chair of the Southern Arts Federation and was also appointed by Governor Beshear as Chairman of the Kentucky Arts Council.

James Driver ('85, '86) of Frankfort, Ky., was appointed to the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) for a three year term beginning January 2008. He is the Kentucky State Social Security Program Manager in the Kentucky Finance Cabinet Office of the Controller and is current president of the National Conference of State Social Security Administrators.

Rev. Brenda Wilson ('86) of Rineyville, Ky., was ordained a minister on July 1, 2007, and will retire in two years to serve as a hospice chaplain.

Terry Likes ('88) of Bowling Green, Ky., has won a coveted Edward R. Murrow award for his documentary "Music and War." He has won more than a dozen awards in the last 10 years.



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Dr. Leo Raines Percer ('89) of Lynchburg, Va., received a promotion to the position of Ph.D. Program Chair at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be responsible for scheduling and managing the program seminars as well as supervising the process of advising students in the program.

1990s

Dr. Morris Allen Grubbs ('90) of Columbia, Ky., directs the Preparing Future Faculty Program in The Graduate School at the University of Kentucky. He is the editor of Home

and Beyond: An Anthology of Kentucky Short Stories and Conversations with Wendell Berry.



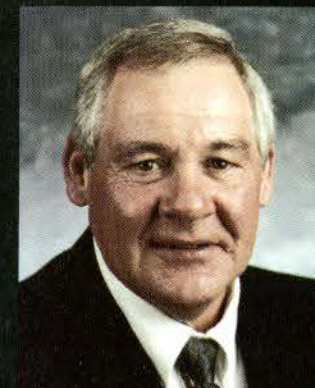
Bradley "Birdie" Milburn ('91) and Tressa H. Milburn of Lexington, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Beckham Brumley Milburn.

Beckham was born on Oct. 5, 2007,

and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Tonya (Phillips) Edwards ('92) of Springfield, Va., was promoted to Manager in the Washington Federal Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC in September 2007. She has been in PwC's Advisory Practice since 2005 and specializes in healthcare provider claims billing and adjudication. Tonya and her husband Michael reside in Springfield, Va., with their two children.

CAPITOL SPOTLIGHT



**Senator Carroll Gibson
Leitchfield, Kentucky**

Kentucky Senator Carroll Gibson of Leitchfield graduated from WKU in 1968, earning a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Psychology. "At the time I was choosing a college I was interested in coaching, and Western was known for its excellent teaching school, had a nationally ranked basketball program and a heck of a good football team," Gibson recalled. "It was a good fit, and if I had to make that decision again today, I'm proud to say I would still choose WKU."

After graduating, Gibson and his wife Millicent, also a WKU graduate, began teaching careers, but Gibson soon found his true calling – public service. "The summer of my senior year I was working at Rough River State Park as a recreation director, and I met Governor Louie Nunn. Governor Nunn told me he thought I had a personality for politics, and I guess that stuck with me," Gibson said. Gibson was elected Grayson County Circuit Court Clerk in 1974, a position he held for 30 years.

In 2004 Gibson was elected to the Kentucky Senate. He represents Breckinridge, Grayson, Hancock, Hart, LaRue and Meade counties and serves on the Judiciary, Licensing and Occupations, State and Local Government and Veterans/Military Affairs committees and co-chairs the Tobacco Oversight Committee. In 2007 his fellow senators elected him Majority Whip of the Senate.

"Dealing with people, forging relationships, learning how to react to situations and working with others are all skills that are important in politics. Those were things I learned about during my time at WKU and with the help of great professors like Dr. Albert Laird," Gibson said.

"Education and economic prosperity are top priorities, but working together in the legislature is critical if we are to accomplish anything," he said. "As for WKU, I'm just proud to be in a position to help my alma mater."

John Rowley ('92) of Nashville, Tenn., is the President of Fletcher Rowley Chao Riddle Inc. (FRCR), a national advertising, strategic communications and political media firm. FRCR won six national awards for excellence by the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) in Los Angeles in March. As of March, FRCR had won seven Pollies in 2008. The AAPC "Pollie" awards recognize achievements in political advertisements and communications.

Tom Lovett ('92) of Owensboro, Ky., has been named Business Editor of the *Courier & Press* in Evansville. Lovett joined the *Courier & Press* as a copy editor in 1998. He was instrumental in launching the Warrick and Westside editions and most recently served as Assistant Metro Editor.

Dr. Candy Wilson ('92) of Parker, Colo., is a US Air Force Major and has been assigned as the Director of Nursing Research at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. She is also a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.



Major Glenn R. Bollinger, III ('93) of Sanford, N.C., was deployed to Afghanistan with the 3rd Special Forces Group,

N.C. He commanded the unit that is directly training Afghan National Army soldiers how to be commandos and fight the Taliban, in the Global War on Terror.



Dodd L. Caudill, Jr. ('93, '97) of Radcliff, Ky., received \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken

Educator Awards represent the largest teacher recognition program in the U.S. Caudill is a teacher at Larue County Middle School in Hodgenville, Ky.

Melony Jones ('93) of Benton, Ky., presented a forum on open government laws March 18 (during Sunshine Week 2008) at Austin Peay State University as part of the university's Library Athenaeum series. The title of the talks was "Spreading Sunshine: Right-to-Know Laws Must Hold Strong". Melony is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration at Tennessee State University.

Raymond D. Ezell ('94) of Orange, Va., was recently promoted to Cultural Resources Management section supervisor for ECS-Mid-Atlantic, LLC., in Fredericksburg, Va. He has been employed with ECS since 2005.

Jay Hiatt ('94) of Evansville, Ind., coached The Plaza Hilltoppers to a league championship. His son, Chandler Hiatt was thrilled to be a Hilltopper and to watch WKU make it to the Sweet 16.



William Timothy ('99) and Loretta (Staley) Hopkins ('94), of Louisville, Ky., are happy to announce the birth

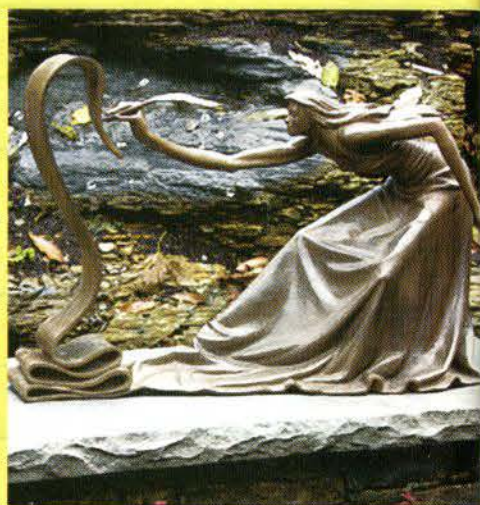
of their daughter, Madelyn Grace, born on Feb. 15, 2008. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.



Nick Ng ('94) and his wife, Sook Lan, of Penang, Malaysia, are pleased to announce the birth of their

daughter Jaclyn, on Oct. 1, 2007. Jaclyn weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins big brother, Jarred.

Jo Ellen Wilhoite ('94) of Lexington, Ky., has recently self-published a children's safety book, *Safety Safari*. She also has a 5-year-old son, Caelin.



Russell Faxon ('74) of Bell Buckle, Tenn., was one of 56 sculptors chosen from across the nation to exhibit their work during the National Sculpture Society's 75th Annual Awards Exhibition. The exhibition was on display at the Society's headquarters in Manhattan and then was transferred to the prestigious Brookgreen Gardens in North Carolina. The Annual Awards Exhibition is National Sculpture Society's most popular exhibition with over 200 artists from across the country applying for the juried exhibition. The sculptures on display represent a variety of media including bronze, marble, wood, glass and stoneware. The National Sculpture Society was founded in New York City in 1893 by a group of America's most prominent sculptors. It is the oldest organization of professional sculptors in the United States, and has been hosting exhibitions for over a century.



Jill (Wilkerson) Harmon ('95, '97) and Jay Harmon of Scottsville, Ky., were married on Oct. 27, 2007. Jill is the Training &

Development Coordinator at Bowling Green Metalforming and is a part-time instructor for WKU's Communications Department. Jay is a Quality Engineer at Bowling Green Metalforming.

Sam Morris ('95) and Cheryl Morris of Greenfield, Ind., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Aidan, on Feb. 25, 2008. Samuel weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.



Brent ('95) and Angela Sanford ('03) of Bowling Green, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their

daughter Kelsey Reece Sanford on March 21, 2008. Brent is a Computer Programmer for Ciber Inc during the week and operates his paintball field, N-tense Sports, on the weekends. Angela is an agent for New York Life.

Stacey Smith ('96) of Taylorsville, Ky., was honored by the Baptist Hospital East as a Hero for Exemplary Service to the community. She is a registered nurse who assisted at the scene of an automobile accident involving two injured children. Smith stayed with the boys until help arrived, and later followed up with family members.

Jeremy Luse ('97) of Louisville, Ky., published his first book, *Pocket Companion to Online Investing*. The book gives a basic understanding of the stock market and helps readers

with many terms associated with the financial industry. He is currently an Assistant Branch Manager for Scottrade Inc.

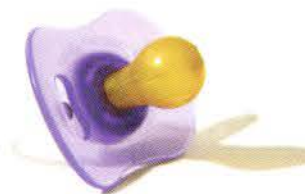
Jennifer Bradbury ('97, '04) of Burlington, Wash., published a children's novel titled *Shift*. *Shift* follows two best friends as they go on a cross-country bike trek, but only one returns. *Shift* was published by Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division in New York.

Amy Beth Brumlow ('98) of Liberty, Ky., has graduated with the degree, Doctor of Chiropractic, from the National University of Health Sciences near Chicago, Ill. She has now returned to Bowling Green to establish a chiropractic practice along with a focus on rehab, nutrition, and a variety of education opportunities in and around Bowling Green.

Daron Jordan ('98) of Madisonville, Ky., was honored by the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce as the Volunteer of the Year. Daron currently works for the City of Madisonville as the Community Development Director and serves, or has served, as a volunteer for several organizations.

Kay Turner ('98) of Paducah, Ky., was hired as principal of the Paducah Area Technology Center in Paducah on July 16, 2007.

Mike ('99) and Amy (Wallace) Hill ('99) of Louisville, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Sophia Lynn, born Nov. 20, 2007. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.



2000s



Kelly Jo (Lucas) Poyner ('00) and her husband, Jon, of Bowling Green, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter,

Maggie Katherine, born on April 18, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Jennifer (Belcher) Brinkley ('01) of Alvaton, Ky., is pleased to announce the opening of the Law Office of Jennifer L. Brinkley, PLLC, located in Bowling Green at 923 College Street, Suite 1-A. Brinkley is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and practices in the areas of Family and Criminal law.



Dr. Robert Kendall Gillespie ('01) and his wife, Amanda of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., are proud to announce the

birth of their baby boy, Braden Alexander, was born on March 25, 2008, in Nashville, Tenn., he weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.



Allen Hawkins ('01) and his wife, Erica of Henderson, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Colby, on March 3,

2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

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Patrick ('02) and Brooke (Thrasher) Ransdell ('03) of Myrtle Beach, S.C., are proud to announce the birth of their first son,

Walker Leigh, born June 16, 2008. Walker is the first grandchild of Julie and Gary Ransdell and projected to be in the Class of 2030!

David M. Wilkins ('02) of St. Louis, Mo., graduated from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2007, and passed the July 2007 Missouri Bar Exam and the February 2008 Illinois Bar Exam. David is currently employed at the law firm of Brown & James, P.C., a St. Louis-based civil litigation firm specializing in First party insurance work, arson-fraud investigative work, and premises liability.



Ted Mosey ('03) of Indianapolis, Ind., and wife Caroline (Hensley) Mosey are proud to announce the birth of their first

child, Jude Hamilton, on June 4, 2008. He was 5 pounds, 14 ounces and 20 inches long.



Adam ('04) and Sabrina (Cian) Crafton ('04) of Franklin, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jaxon Lucas. Jaxon was

born on Dec. 21, 2007, and weighed 5 pounds, 15.5 ounces and was 20 inches long.



John H. Kohl ('04) of Spring, Texas, has been selected to the doctoral program in Applied Demography at The University of

Texas at San Antonio (USTA). His term of study, which includes the teaching and research assistantship position, is scheduled to begin in the fall semester of 2008.

Nicholas ('04) and Jamie (Roy) Shearer ('03, '06) of Jamestown, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Maddox Nicholas. Maddox was born on Nov. 6, 2007, and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.



Travis ('05) and Amanda (Smith) Carrico ('05) of Springfield, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their son,

Thomas Edward Carrico.

Melinda (Russell) Crowe ('05) of Georgetown, Ky., was recently named as the Lexington Herald-Leader's 2007 Advertising Division Salesperson of the Year and South Team Headliner for the Year.

Whitney (LeGrand) Ivey ('05) of Warsaw, Ky., married Brantley Ivey on March 15, 2008 in Graceville, Fla.

Amelia (Wheatley) Laster ('05) of Owensboro, Ky., earned her AKBD in December 2007, a national certification administered by the National Kitchen and Bath Association. She is a builder/design Manager for Carpets Unlimited of Owensboro.

Amanda Ferrell ('06) of Danville, Ky., joined ISTT, Inc. as Marketing Manager in February 2008.



Benjamin ('06) and Valorie (Todorich) Hughes ('06) of Louisville, Ky., were married on May 26, 2007.

Courtney N. Wright ('06) of Lexington, Kentucky, recently finished her Master's Thesis "Assessment and Grading Practices of Exemplary High School Concert Band Directors." On May 2, 2008, she graduated with a Masters of Music degree from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Emily J. Moore ('07) of Goodlettsville, Tenn., graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2007 with a degree in History and Political Science. Emily is currently working for Neighborhood Realty as an Affiliate Broker/Realtor in the Nashville Area.

Daniel S. ('07) and Emily Jane (Burnley) New ('05) of Franklin, Ky., were married on Sept. 22, 2007.

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In Memoriam

In memory, we pay tribute to all members of the WKU family who have passed away.

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Glenn Alan Beck '80	Dr. Vaughn Fisher	Bryan Le Seior	Stacy Russell, '89
Larry E. Berry	Charles A. Floyd, '69, '74	Annette Lipman	Angie Rust, '61
Joseph Ray Bishop '69	Max Stewart Fones	Jane C. Ludlow	Jared Salvia, Student
Cecil Blewett	Patsy J. Forshee	Charles Lyon, '48 BU	Sally Schiller, Student
Gary Boggs	Sally Friedl, '35	Dewitt Maguire	Mary L. Schreiber
Doris Bratcher	Geneva F. Fultz '70	Charlotte Mathis, '90	Betty A. Short
Norbert Breiwa	Nell D. Gaddie	Dr. Joseph "Don"	Margaret Sloan, '47
Lucille Brown, '48	Coburn Gayle	MacDonald Mayfield, '65, '67	Clyde E. "Smitty" Smith '51, '58
H. Buchanan, '56	J.T. Graham	David McGrath '84	Hazel Smith, '49
Dr. William J. Callison, MD '49	Nellie Grant, '42	Madeleine McGrath '82	James Smith, '67
Dr. Richard Cannon, II, '40	Royce Graves	Gwyneth J. McKinney	Anna Spillman, '60
Idell Miller Carter '50	Deborah Gregory	Dr. Ronald Meeks, '52	Arthur Spoelstra, '54
Rodney Cherry, '52	Lisa Griggs, '92, '93	Jean H. Moore, '47	Henry Johnson Stites, IV
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Dr. Timothy Cummins, '76	Mildred A. Jent, '59	Henry Potter	Robert H. Whitson '52
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Dr. Nancy H. Davis '57	Jesse Keeling, '07	William Ray, '49	
Dorothy E. Dethridge	Sharon Kennedy, '71	Matthew Walker Richey, '99	

In Memoriam



Dr. John D. Minton
1921 - 2008

Dr. John D. Minton, the fifth president of Western Kentucky University and a member of the WKU family for nearly 30 years, died early Sunday, June 29, while surrounded by his family. He was 86.

Dr. Minton was born in Trigg County, Ky., the son of the late John Ernest and Daisy Wilson Minton. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1943 and a master's degree from UK in 1947. He earned a doctorate from Vanderbilt University in 1959. Dr. Minton also served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After teaching in public schools in Florida, Dr. Minton returned to Trigg County to serve as principal of Trigg County High School from 1953-58. He was recruited by then-president Dr. Kelly Thompson to join the WKU history faculty in 1958. He began rising through the administrative ranks, serving as associate dean of graduate instruction, dean of the Graduate College and vice president for Administrative Affairs, all while continuing to teach.

In 1979, Dr. Minton became the fifth president of WKU following the retirement of Dr. Dero Downing. While president from Jan. 8 to July 31, he continued to serve as vice president of Administrative Affairs. He was named vice president for Student Affairs in 1981 and retired in 1986, continuing to teach part time during retirement. He chaired the faculty athletic committee at WKU during most of his career and served as president of the Sun Belt Conference. He was responsible for implementing Title IX at WKU and was an advocate for women's athletic programs. In 2002, WKU's Central Hall was renamed John D. Minton Hall in his honor.



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